

Is it too soon to talk about Christmas? Not in the world of television, where Christmas has been in the air for weeks. But finally, after the trailers, the idents and the advertisements that pass as a kind of secular advent, we can say: Christmas starts here.

On page 12 the man who in 2002 revived a tired old sci-fi show and turned it into a big beast of the Saturday-night schedules talks to RT. Russell T Davies's obsession with Doctor Who began long before his time running the series, as Alan Yentob writes in this issue (for the full interview see Imagine... Russell T Davies: the Doctor and Me Monday BBC1). But Davies also tells us about his determination to place his latest Doctor at the heart of the nation's Christmas Day and his ambition to take the show global.

We also whet your appetite for a feast of Christmas cooking, firstly with a preview of a MasterChef special where the critics who deliver verdicts on contestants' cooking have to cook for John Torode and Greg Wallace. Then, in one of the highlights of the week, Nigella Lawson returns to the BBC with her take on Christmas in Amsterdam.

Elsewhere, the author Bernard Cornwell writes about his quest to discover the real story behind King Arthur, the cast and crew of All Creatures Great and Small tell us about a wartime winter in Darrowby and the comedian formerly known as Vic Reeves - now the artist Jim Moir - marks our cards for a Christmas spent bird spotting.

Which brings us back to Christmas. With that in mind, don't miss a plum of a programme on Radio 4 - The Story of Puddings. The highlight is, of course, the Christmas pud. Read about the rich history of this British classic on page 120.

See you next week for our legendary double issue. Did we mention it's Christmas?

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Hairy bikers Si King (left) and Dave Myers

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loved to sing with her father.

recordings are most significant to

her, including a Christmas song she

gritty retelling of the myth,

based on Bernard Cornwall's

original novels.

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## **GRAPEVINE**

The TV stories that are getting us talking...

## **MERRY AND BRIGHT(ON)**

Forget the small town of Bedford Falls – Radio 4's heading to Brighton for its Christmas Day twist on the classic film It's a Wonderful Life. Tim McInnerny and Mark Benton head the cast of the hour-long drama Christmas Miracle on Brighton Pier, which draws on the original short story that inspired Frank Capra's film. In this version, recorded in Brighton, a ley line becomes the focal point for angelic intervention.

## **LAUGHTER UNLIMITED**

Hoping to lift the January gloom is **Graham Norton**, who's presiding over comedy competition *LOL*:

Last One Laughing Ireland.
Aisling Bea, Jason
Byrne and Deirdre
O'Kane are among
ten Irish comics
challenged by
Norton to make
each other laugh

while trying to keep a straight face. It's a Japanese format and a huge hit in Italy, France and Germany, and the series comes to Amazon Prime on 19 January.

## **PEDIGREE PROJECT**

Miranda Richardson and Danielle Macdonald (below, from BBC1's The Tourist, which will be returning soon) are among the cast of the latest adaptation of a bestseller by Big Little Lies writer Liane Moriarty. Produced by Nicole Kidman (who also starred in the TV version of Moriarty's Nine Perfect Strangers), The Last Anniversary is in production for Australian TV. And with that pedigree, we can't imagine it'll be long before we see it over

## THIS WEEK ON RADIOTIMES.COM

here. ROBIN PARKER

- Cast news for Zack Snyder's new sci-fi film **Rebel Moon**, coming to Netflix on Friday.
- Exclusive interviews from
- The Winter King podcast.
- The cast of Disney+ series **Percy**Jackson and the Olympians.
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## **THISWEEK**

TEN QUESTIONS WITH

## MARK GATISS

The *Sherlock* star on the sunny side of Hollywood, and the dark side of Arthur Conan Doyle

Few people in TV have a CV like Mark Gatiss. The 57-year old has combined acting roles in Hollywood films and screen dramas with work as a writer, director and theatrical impresario. Now, he brings all that experience to bear playing an actor-turned director in Jack Thorne's play *The Motive and the Cue* opening in the West End, before returning to TV with his latest Christmas ghost story, based on Arthur Conan Doyle's short story *Lot No 249*.

Lot No 49 is the first Christmas ghost story you've not written yourself or adapted from MR James – why did you choose it?

Partly for a change, and partly, to be honest, because Lucy Worsley is doing a documentary about Doyle [Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle, continuing Sunday BBC2]. It's very difficult to finance a one-off half-hour drama, so it was useful to find something that would sit alongside it. And obviously I'm a big Doyle fan! I had Lot No 49 in a compendium as a kid and it really frightened me.

You've swapped MR James's ghosts for Doyle's mummies – was it a different experience?

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As Mycroft

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It really was different straight away. I thought, "This is a different tool box: the way they speak, their attitudes and the actual horror elements". It was a nice change of flavour. The James-ian model of a

middle-aged academic stumbling upon something he shouldn't is brilliant, but it's a familiar trap.

People know you for writing and starring in Sherlock – what was it like tackling another Coan Device.

starring in Sherlock — what was it like tackling another Conan Doyle? Great fun. Many people know Doyle was very down on Sherlock Holmes. He never quite understood why people adored it above all his other stuff. And I've always loved his supernatural stories – there are some very nasty things in them! There's a brilliant story called *The Leather Funnel*, which is about the Spanish Inquisition. It's horrible. There's a lot more to him than just the straightforwardness of a detective story.

'Tom Cruise is an affable, funny and available person. You kind of forget it's him'

MARK GATISS



What did your Sherlock co-creator Steven Moffat think of you doing a Doyle adaptation without him? A stunning betrayal?

He hasn't said that! I just said, "I think I might try and do a Doyle," and he seemed very pleased. I'm excited for him to watch it.

## Would you consider making another Doyle together?

Steven and I did once talk about trying to do Professor Challenger as a series. He is such a brilliant character. People always do The Lost World because there's all the dinosaurs, but the short stories are great. There's definitely something in Challenger...

## You're about to play Sir John Gielaud in the West End. What was it like stepping into his shoes?

It's genuinely the best part I'll ever have, I know that. Even if I have to shave what remains of my hair off! There's a brilliant story Simon Callow told me about Gielgud, who was directing a play in the 70s. They did the first run-through, and about ten minutes in, he went, "Stop, stop, stop. It's awful, awful, awful." He re-blocked the whole thing, and next day they started again. Five minutes in, he went, "Awful, awful, awful - stop." And he said to this actress, "Who told you to stand there?" She said, "You did." He said, "Well, everyone knows I can't direct."

## Did you study Gielgud to try to act or sound like him?

I've been doing him since I was a

kid! [Fellow League of Gentlemen star Reece Shearsmith and I used to do almost the whole of The Elephant Man by memory. The big thing is the voice. It's like he's trickling downhill. That's a real key, to me, how to get into

the voice. There's a descending quality to it.

## You're a jack of all trades - directing, acting, writing. Why the shifts?

It's just interesting. It's fun! Since I did the first run of the play I did a bit of filming in Ireland,

then made the ghost story. It's really just about variety, I suppose.

## You've gone from acting to directing, and now play an actor turned director?

I know, the irony is not lost on me. I did the transfer of [Steven Moffat play] The Unfriend, and then my partner's [Ian Hallard] play, The Way Old Friends Do at Birmingham Rep, then started at the National playing Gielgud as a director. I thought, "I couldn't have timed that better - I've come to it with all the frustrations of a theatre director!"

## Recently you were off making Mission: Impossible films with Tom Cruise. How does that compare with your ghost stories, which are made on a shoestring budget?

The big thing is just having more time. On Mission: Impossible -Dead Reckoning - Part One we spent a week doing one scene, and covered it from every conceivable angle, short of an endoscope! In the finished film you can't use them all, it would look insane. But they had the time and money to cover it. And I say this quite genuinely, they are so welcoming. Tom Cruise is an incredibly affable, funny, available person. You kind of forget it's him, and then suddenly remember. You just look at him, and go, "Christ, it's Tom Cruise!" HUW FULLERTON

The Motive and the Cue is at the Noël Coward Theatre from 9 December. A Ghost Story for Christmas: Lot No 249 is on BBC2 over the festive period

## WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ...

## swim with sharks



Emma Whittle is the assistant curator at Plymouth's National Marine Aguarium, the UK's largest, and a behind-the-scenes star on the BBC's Secrets of the Aquarium.

**CALL OF THE OCEAN** My love of marine life started when I was 11. While on holiday on a boat trip, a marine biologist on board trawled for fish, put them in a tank and talked about their different morphology. I didn't even know that was a job! I was hooked. I studied marine biology at the University of Plymouth, and started at the National Marine Aguarium as a volunteer diver.

## THE FISH ARE THE STARS

After six months, the BBC crew just became part of the furniture. They recorded a lot of the day-to-day, but were always there for the abnormal stuff, like when we had to move our new nurse shark El Diablo up four flights of stairs. Aquariums are great places for people to connect with the ocean. By watching the show, they can see what an array of life is out there and why it's so

**WORK SHIFT** 

**Emma Whittle** 

of the National

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tank, which holds 2.5 million litres of water, we have ten sharks, 12 rays and Friday the green turtle. One day Friday bit me on the bum! He wants to explore new things in his environment, and he can only use his beak for that, but there was a bruise...

...AND CLEANING The biggest perk of the job is diving with the sharks. They're beautiful creatures and so misunderstood. Two people clean the tank windows - we have suckers that keep us in place on the glass – while two people guard for where the sharks are. They can sense raised heart rates from new members of staff.

**BABY SHARK** Florence the nurse shark is 2.5m long and about 100kg. When we noticed her gaining a lot of weight, we wanted to confirm whether she was pregnant with a sonogram. It took four men to turn her on her back to induce tonic immobility,

so she's temporarily inactive and isn't hurting anyone, but also to expose her abdomen to the vet. Using the ultrasound we did see eggs in there, which was so exciting.

LAURA RUTKOWSKI

Secrets of the Aquarium ends on Tuesday at 6.30pm on BBC2



## **VIEWPOINT**

## **LOW EXPECTATIONS**

I didn't think Charles Dickens was for someone like me - then I read him, says David Harewood

At this time of year, which writer speaks to us more than Charles Dickens? The creator of Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim is the quintessential Christmas author. But not for all of us. The stuffy old posh bloke who wrote those long novels about Victorian England? I'll pass, thanks.

I've studied many classical plays, but I'm ashamed to say classical novelists have largely failed to grab my attention - they didn't feel like they were part of my world. So when I was asked if I was interested in making a documentary about Charles Dickens, I must admit the comprehensive schoolboy in me baulked. But if there's one thing I know about myself, it's that I love a challenge. Tell me I have to jump naked into a glacial lake or throw myself off a tall building into a wire net, and my heart begins to race and the adrenaline kicks my fears to the kerb.

When I was approached about playing the American right-wing firebrand William F Buckley Jr in the West End play Best of Enemies, I turned down the role. Buckley famously voted against the call for black civil rights. His politics were the antithesis of mine and many Americans at the time considered him a fascist in a Brooks Brothers suit. And vet... the more I studied him, an extraordinary thing happened. I actually

began to understand him. After a tough rehearsal period, I had one of the best theatre experiences of my career. I ended up admiring Buckley for his intelligence, humour and ability to change course, particularly when it came to the issue of race.

I had a similar experience with Dickens, and I have learnt that he was a very different writer

## The comprehensive schoolboy in me baulked at Dickens'

know that in 1844 he put down his pen and spent a year travelling around Italy visit-

> ing, among other places, Rome, Venice, Genoa and Naples? Life would never be the same for Dickens and, after following in his footsteps, I found that things

> > Experts I met throughout my journey in the documentary all

told me how much Italy influenced his writing. Little Dorrit, for instance, with its character John Baptist Cavalletto, couldn't have been written without Dickens's Italian experience. The author's first public reading of A Christmas Carol was in Genoa and the theatricality of the Catholic rituals he saw in Naples affected his attitudes to death and the afterlife, and his ability to conjure the most fantastical ghost stories. In Rome, Dickens witnessed a public execution. Shocked by the crowd's indifference to the suffering on display, he was inspired to campaign against public executions back in the UK.

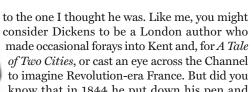
A TWIST IN THE TALE

Sceptic David Harewood

T THE END of his Italian trip Dickens wrote the travelogue *Pictures from Italy*. Far from loathing it, I discovered that I thoroughly enjoyed Dickens's humorous observational style and his extraordinary use of the English language. I was blown away.

From knowing nothing of the man, I now find myself an avid fan. I'd say there's a lesson in this. It always pays to challenge our prejudices and dislikes; we may be missing something that bears a gift, a reward, something valuable that gives you joy. I'm now halfway through Little Dorrit. And just in time for Christmas.

Dickens in Italy with David Harewood is on Tuesday at 8pm and 9pm on Sky Arts



have changed for me as well.

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## THIS WEEK IN RT... 21 DEC '74-3 JAN '75

Frank Spencer, as played by Michael Crawford, held centre stage on the Christmas 1974 issue of Radio Times. Sitcom Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em was also awarded a peaktime Christmas Day slot. between The Generation Game and Mike Yarwood. (At its height the show was enjoyed by 25 million viewers.)

Just ten years before, life looked

very different for Crawford, a broke

KING CHARLES

Dickens has more

to offer than

young actor playing 2nd Serving Man in Nottingham Playhouse's Coriolanus. So he and the cast made use of the theatre kitchens to cook Christmas lunch. "I went round trying to get some charity out of the local shop-keepers, pleading poor actors," Crawford said. "A butcher gave us a most enormous turkey, the biggest one I have ever seen - I think it was really a small emu." MARK BRAXTON

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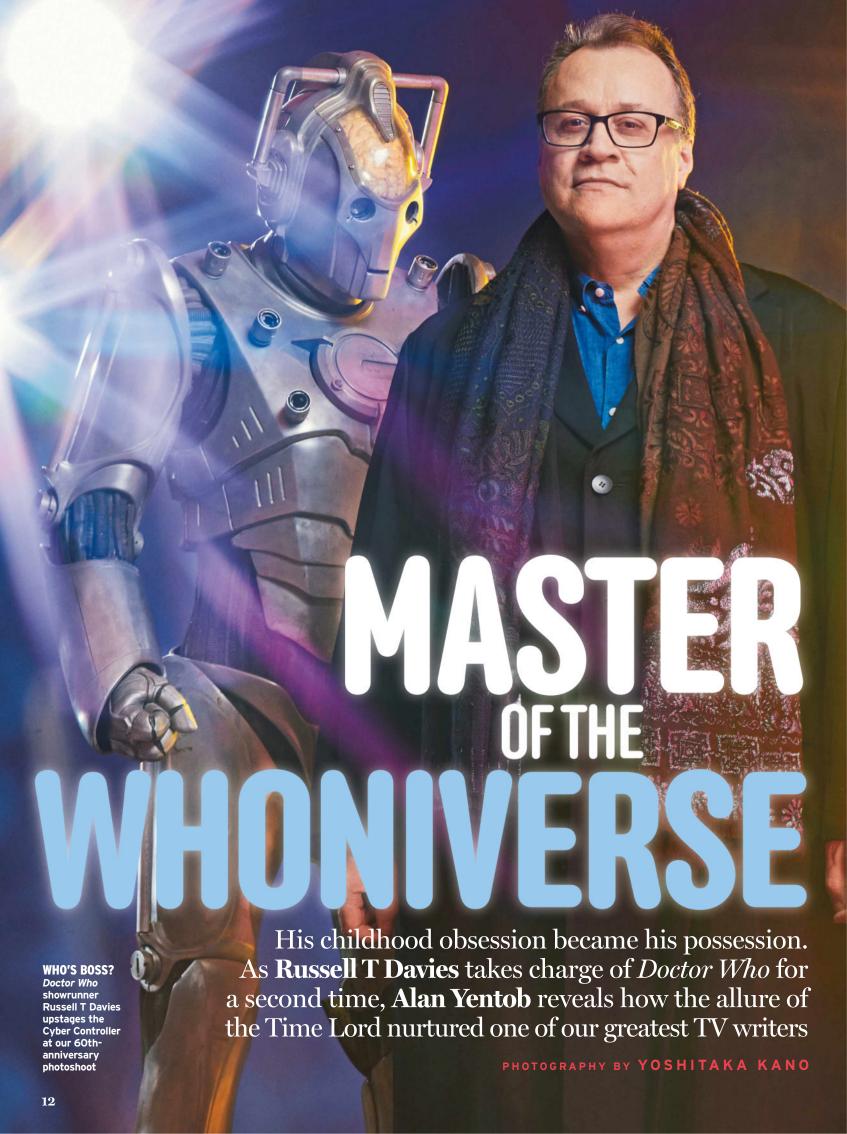
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Once upon a time there was a little boy from Swansea called Russell, who had an

amazing brain. He grew up to be Russell T Davies, one of the greatest television writers of the 21st century. "My mum and dad were lovely," he tells me in our Imagine special, recorded over the last 18 months. "They were both teachers and I have two sisters. It was a very happy home." But Russell always felt a little bit different from other children around him in south Wales. For a start he didn't like rugby.

He found solace in his favourite television show. Russell fell in love with Doctor Who when he was three vears old. It was his first television experience, the first thing he remembers in life seeing the original Doctor, William Hartnell, regenerate into Patrick Troughton in 1966. Then, when he was four, Russell encountered the Cybermen. "I can remember it being so scary," he says. "White-hot inside of me. It's the stuff of fairy tales. The stuff of witchery. The stuff of nightmares..."

From then on, he never fell out of love with the Doctor or with TV. You could call it an addiction, Russell loved Crossroads, he loved Coronation Street, he lived in the world of TV. Even when, ferociously bright, he went to Oxford University to study English literature, Russell complained because Doctor Who was on at the same time as the

rugby, so he didn't get to watch it.

A lot of people might be a bit snotty about a boy who never stops watching TV, day and night, but it allowed him to flourish. Russell was always a storyteller, gifted with astonishing creativity and imagination. Television liberated those talents. His instincts in the early days, as a child, were to draw and he would create *Doctor* Who comic strips when the other boys were

outside chasing a ball.

elevision also gave him a real understanding of human nature and a real ability to address it. It allowed him to understand his own life. Russell knew he was gav when he was around 13. It wasn't something he could talk about, he had to keep it to himself. When he was turning 16, the country was scandalised by the details of the Jeremy Thorpe trial

in 1979 – when the patrician former leader of the Liberal Party was accused of trying to murder his lover, Norman Scott. The trial made it even harder for Russell to admit who or what he was. "It wasn't a story that would make you come out of the closet, was it?" he says. "It was one of those stories that said: Stay in there!"

But it was a story, one of the

many that Russell collected and stored away in his head only to emerge as jewel-like television scripts years later. His vivid memories of the Thorpe trial were ignited when the BBC invited him to turn John Preston's 2016 book about the case, A Very English Scandal, into a screenplay.

**RUSSELL T HITS** 

and Queer as Folk

It's a Sin and (inset left)

A Very English Scandal

"I felt with a passion that I was absolutely the right person to tell that," Russell says of what became the acclaimed series with Hugh Grant and Ben Whishaw. "I was the gay man who should be telling the gay man's story."

I would argue that no one else has written so well, or bravely, about the gay experience for British television. His series It's a Sin, Cucumber and Queer as Folk are exceptional. I believe It's a Sin is a kind of masterpiece; I can't look at some of those extraordinary scenes without tears coming to my eyes.

nd now he has returned to where he began, to the Doctor. This time it's on a different scale, thanks to a production partnership with Disney. Russell has a mammoth budget to work with, seven sound stages and huge sets: all not far from his house in the Mumbles, the picturesque village that lies across the bay from his childhood home in Swansea. Along with all this comes a huge responsibility. Doctor Who is now going worldwide, this really is the big time. Can Russell do it? "Yes," he tells me. "I have a divine right."





## CHRISTMAS PREVIEW

## 'I KICKED IN THE DOOR AT THE BBC'

**Russell T Davies** says he demanded a Christmas Day special for his brand-new Doctor. Expect fantasy goblins and not as much sci-fi...

THE RT INTERVIEW BY HUW FULLERTON

USSELL T DAVIES IS a hard man to deny. I should know because he's currently eating my lunch. He has a force of personality that's taken him from Welsh fanboy to top-tier television writer and producer – and allowed him to revive his favourite childhood TV show. Twice.

"I kicked in the door at the BBC," laughs Davies, "and said, 'Christmas Day, or else...' I literally demanded it from day one because I think *Doctor Who* just suits it perfectly."

This autumn, we've already had 60th-anniversary celebrations and three hour-long specials starring David Tennant and Catherine Tate. Now, we're here to talk about a new Christmas special, the first *Doctor Who* has had since 2017. Given how meekly I handed over my chips, it's no wonder Davies persuaded the Beeb to give *Who* back that coveted Yuletide slot.

"Look, it's Christmas Day. It's BBC1. It's a new Doctor. It's joy all around. I never liked *Only Fools and Horses* Christmas specials where they went to Hull or Spain. I think Christmassy things should look Christmassy. So, we have snow. We have Christmas trees. It's properly, properly Christmassy, from beginning to end. We're going to ride back into the job."

And as he says, Davies isn't riding alone – because as well as bringing festive fun back to the show, the new episode will also usher in a **new Doctor**, **played by 31-year-old** *Sex Education* star Ncuti Gatwa.

"Every new Doctor should be a chance for brand-new viewers to step on board. And I think Ncuti will bring in a new audience," says Davies. "So it's an open door. It's completely written with that in mind – you can watch it from scratch. It's absolutely designed for new viewers."

Gatwa, who's already filming his second series for 2025 at time of writing, was cast in 2022 after a rigorous round of auditions that Davies was part of – in fact, he read the role of the Doctor's companion. The choice was, he says, obvious after Gatwa's very first reading. "For the Doctor," he recalls now, "we auditioned men, we auditioned women, we auditioned non-binary people. So I didn't fix anything in that regard. But I did the reading with him, and he blasted me off the face of the Earth.

"He was completely different from how he was in *Sex Education*," he adds. "He had all this joy and menace and cheek. Many Doctors had a streak within them that's withdrawn and guarded. Somehow, he manages to be all that, and yet he cries and he laughs. He's a much more emotional Doctor, powerfully so. And that works beautifully. It makes us all reach into new areas, and try new things, and write new things. It's very exciting."

A new Doctor is big news for *Doctor Who*. But in many ways, Gatwa's journey to the Tardis has been overshadowed by Davies's own surprising return to the show, 13 years after he cheerfully handed the reins over to Steven Moffat. "I left *Doctor Who* and went to do other dramas. And

life was easier!" says the 60-year-old. "There's so much paraphernalia that goes with *Doctor Who* – the world around it, and the fans, and the profile of the show. Just the noise of it is phenomenal."

When Davies's comeback was announced in 2021, there was surprise, even shock. No one could have seen it coming – not even Davies himself, until the BBC pitched the idea to him. He says that he'd kept thinking of ideas for the show, and of course, he still had *Doctor Who* in his bones, but Davies had hardly been short of work since he handed in his badge at the BBC. In fact, he's been in a purple patch most writers would kill for, with hit dramas such as *A Very English Scandal* and *It's a Sin*.

"I'm not saying any of those shows were easy to make, but you deliver a script, you shoot it and that's it. So, I never envisaged running *Doctor Who* again. Honestly, I hadn't," he insists. "And bear in mind, it was immediately after *It's a Sin*, which was such a successful show. It's never quite true that a writer can do whatever they want, but I was pretty close to that. And, yes, I had many things I wanted to write, and many things on offer. But actually, I love *Doctor Who* more than anything. I genuinely love it with all my heart."

HERE WAS ALSO the fact that the BBC was keen to team up with an international streaming partner for *Who*. So with new money coming in and no successor lined up to replace Chris Chibnall as showrunner, someone had to steady the ship. "I completely agreed with everything the BBC wanted to do," he says. "They wanted someone protecting the show. And I knew it would be hard work – but I love hard work."

Money from American partner Disney has poured in, raising the bar – and stakes – for the new series. "I've never worked with this kind of budget – never," says Davies. "It's been brilliant for me to learn." Special effects are glossier, the stories more ambitious. Davies waxes lyrical about what he has planned for Gatwa's first full series next year, including a controversial move into ground currently occupied by shows like *Stranger Things* and *The Witcher*.

"I was just a bit jealous that all those other shows were getting a bigger taste





and success, he also clearly found the job stressful and demoralising at times. By the end, he was relieved to leave, and resisted attempts by the BBC to keep him in post. It's hard, I tell him, to reconcile his comeback with the person who wrote that book.

"Oh God," Davies mutters. "Yeah, I can see what it looks like from the outside. I would say, it was a book mostly written at two in the morning, so it has a melancholy about it sometimes. If you see me at ten in the morning, I'm laughing! I should write books at 10am."

And anyway, he says, it's different this time. In the 2000s, he was overseeing two spinoffs (*Torchwood* and *The Sarah Jane Adventures*) and a longer, 14-episode run of *Doctor Who*. "That was nuts," he admits now. "How did I do that? I was significantly younger, I have to say. It's not as bad now. I'm delivering nine episodes of one show."

HE PRESSURE, IT seems, is off. Today's Davies is older and wiser – and after years of having to sing for his supper on other dramas, he can now dictate his own terms. "It's tough getting drama commissioned. A Very English Scandal, Years and Years, It's a Sin – I had to tap-dance to get those made. I had to sit in front of commissioners, and perform, and dazzle, and do all the tricks. And all three of those came very close to not getting made."

## 'I had to tap-dance to get *Years and Years* and *It's a Sin* made'

RUSSELL T DAVIES

*It's a Sin* was actually rejected by the BBC and ITV before it landed on Channel 4, and even then, Davies was forced to cut his episode count from eight to five.

"Now, I've just delivered a script for May 2025 that I know will get made," he says proudly. "I don't have to plead. I don't have to pitch. And I think you write profoundly differently when you know your writing is going to get made, as opposed to something you hope will get made. In that situation, you're kind of a beggar."

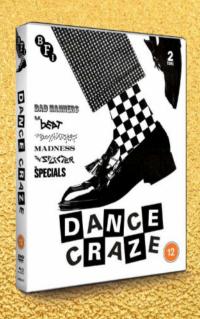
Back in the big chair, the beggar is gone. Some days later, Davies commands the room at a 60th-anniversary screening, and looks more like some minor feudal lord, fêted and mobbed by the onlookers swarming around him, hoping a little of that *Doctor Who* stardust will rub off on them.

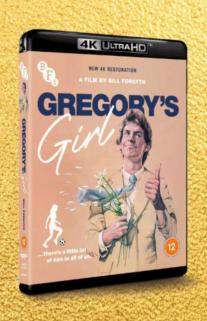
"Obviously, you've got so many responsibilities – to the channel, to the programme, to the viewers," he tells me. "Nonetheless, it's a greater freedom. And I like that." It seems ultimately, while it can be a cage, *Doctor Who* is a gilded one.



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IBSON GREW UP on "New Who" – her Doctor was Matt Smith, and as a six-year-old she idolised his companion Amy (Karen Gillan). Endearingly, that seems to have continued. While some ex-stars of the show got in touch to congratulate her, she shyly admits reaching out to Gillan herself for a few words of advice from her hero. "We had a lovely chat," she says happily. "It was just surreal because she was my companion! It's weird to think Ruby might resonate with someone like she did with me."

Gibson is appealingly unguarded. The first time we meet, she pulls me into a hug before I even tell her my name. "I'm sorry, I'm a hugger!" she laughs. Later, she tells a story about how she found out she'd landed her *Doctor Who* role in the middle of a spray tan, standing "orange and sticky" and crying when her agent called her. "I was like, 'Oh, I can't cry this tan off now!'" she says, imitating her own racking sobs.

She's remarkably young – just 18 when she started filming, making her one of the youngest stars in the show's history. Davies was keen to cast a real teenager as 18-year-old Ruby after years of seeing actors in their 20s and 30s playing younger. "The new Doctor could have been anyone," he tells me. "With Ruby, it was specifically crafted to be just a bit younger, to have just left school, to not know where she's going in life.

She's open, fresh and undecided about things."

is braced for a legion of

new young Who fans

Finding the right candidate wasn't easy. Like her co-star Ncuti Gatwa (who was cast first), Gibson had to go through rounds of auditions carried out under farcical secrecy – she was hidden under a cloak when she entered the studios in Cardiff, and was forbidden from telling anyone who she was or where she was going.

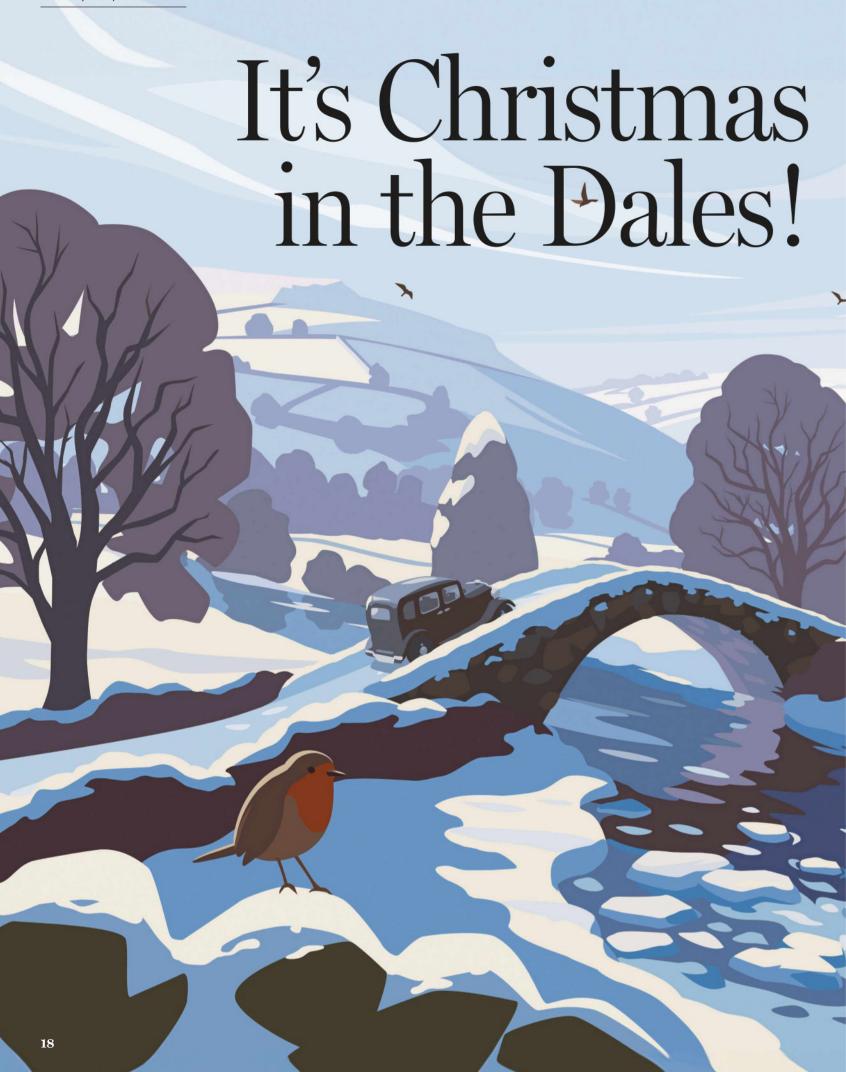
"Even when I got picked up from Manchester at 6am, the driver said, 'Hello, what's your name?' And I said Jess!" Gibson cringes. "I just lied on the spot because I was so scared." Though there was, she admits, a certain thrill to it all. "Pulling up to the gate at Bad Wolf Studios, all the driver said to the guard was, 'Letting a wolf in.' And I was like... 'T'm cool,' " she laughs.

She's better at keeping secrets now. She's tight-lipped about the storylines for this year's Christmas special and the eight-episode series airing next year, only confirming "new monsters" and that, like her, Ruby is a proud Mancunian. "I can tell you that Ruby was abandoned on Christmas

Eve. So she's adopted. And she lives in London. There's something!" she laughs. Ruby's secret origins kick off the story on 25 December, and the mystery functions as a "spine" to the series. "There's a lovely innocence to her that counterbalances the Doctor. He's got quite a robotic connection with emotions or anything human. She really does balance him out."

sticking around. Already, she and Gatwa have been filming a second series for 2025, a vote of confidence that also adds a bit more pressure, given that viewers haven't seen their first episode yet. "It's cool exploring season-two Ruby already, because she's growing as I'm growing," says Gibson. "I'm a bit nervous, because you're right – people might love it. They might hate it." She grins. "But I think it's going to be a new era for a lot of little girls and little boys out there, watching like I did. That feels so special."

HUW FULLERTON





## Nicholas Ralph **JAMES HERRIOT**

Absence makes the heart grow fonder and hard times bring communities together. These truisms are magnified at Christmas - and in wartime - as this year's All Creatures Great and Small special highlights.

RAF training has taken James miles away from Darrowby and his pregnant wife, Helen (Rachel Shenton). Actor Nicholas Ralph was moved by James's struggle of heart and mind as the vet faced up to his new reality towards the end of the recent series. "When he signed up, Helen wasn't pregnant, but the game's completely changed," he says. "The guestion of family versus service to the greater good has come to a head."

Ralph filmed much of this year's Christmas special at the Yorkshire Air Museum (formerly RAF Elvington), which meant he was separated from his fellow cast. But he was struck by how much the Darrowby bonds of family and community were echoed on the military base. "It's a very different world, but you have the camaraderie, a brotherly love between them as well."

The costumes weren't bad either, Ralph reflects – see picture below. "I liked the RAF one most – it's just so smart and well put together. I felt good wearing it!" Although donning four layers of Airforce uniform to film in June had its challenges. "It's thick, thick material, plus gloves, a hat and big boots. I was absolutely sweltering - worse than in a Christmas jumper! But I didn't care a jot because I just loved the story."

traditionalist, Ralph tries to get home to Nairn in the Scottish Highlands for Christmas, where his family and schoolmates keep him grounded. "It's often the only time in the whole year I see some of these guys. We have got a lot to catch up on and they'll ask me if I'm still 'into that acting'," he laughs. "No one in this little town has gone in to acting before. But also a lot

of them will tell me – 'It wouldn't even matter if you weren't in it Nicky boy, I'd still watch it

> because it's brilliant!"" His family will all gather to watch the special. "I remember from the audition that the producers wanted to make something all the generations could sit down and watch together and I'm chuffed that we've done that." ⊳

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"No one was looking forward to Christmas in 1940," says historical advisor Mark Roodhouse. Poring over historic opinion polls and secret morale reports from the run-up to the first Christmas under food rationing, he found

that "people were expecting the Germans to blitz them because that's what they heard, both from the BBC and from [Nazi propagandist] Lord Haw Haw, who said Barnstable was going to be bombed on Christmas Day."

It didn't come to pass, and while yuletide celebrations were not exactly merry, people did wish each other a peaceful or quiet

Christmas. "They wanted to make Christmas as normal as possible," says Roodhouse. "And also to celebrate as much as they could – there was drink, but less of it. There was Christmas pudding, though it might have been an economy one."

Radio's role also expanded, as *RT*'s 1940 festive listings (above) reveal. "No one was ringing church bells, so you had to tune into the BBC to listen to the bells from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve," Roodhouse says. "As well as the King's speech, Christmas Day brought greetings from evacuated children. Dance bands played Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess.*"

oodhouse was keen to show how a rural farming community's experience would have differed from its more familiar urban counterpart. "Farmers' incomes had collapsed after the Great Depression and amid competition from cheaper goods elsewhere. But these struggling communities suddenly became moderately prosperous as the Blitz wasn't impinging on them very much and they were living off their own produce.

"And not everyone was suddenly conscripted; there was actually quite a long period over the first two years where the economy and society had been mobilised."

Darrowby would have been going through changes of its own. "Huge numbers were coming to these normally quite remote areas, perhaps as evacuees. Much of the Dales was taken over for military training."

Roodhouse encouraged the writers to think back to the early days of Covid and "how chaotic it was and the time it took for people to get their act together. It was exactly the same during the Second World War, but we tend to compress it into these moments. We don't think about how long it might take to gear up to fight a war."

'When James signed up, Helen wasn't pregnant' NICHOLAS RALPH

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IN PEACE AND WAR Happier times for James and Helen (Nicholas Ralph and Rachel Shenton)

Left: the Radio Times listings for Christmas Eve, 1940, including the ringing of bells, the news and carols

## Bethany Heald HOME ECONOMICS ADVISOR

"Turkeys hadn't graced our shores by this point," says home economics advisor Bethany Heald, who prepares all of the *All Creatures'* food, at home and in an on-set kitchen. So for those gathering at Skeldale House, goose remains centre stage in Mrs Hall's Christmas spread. However, by 1940 the economic impact of war had started to bite.

"We've had to pare back Mrs Hall's elaborate breakfasts with their vast amount of meats and cakes, and there are fewer pastries than usual because of sugar rationing," says Heald, who

## 'We had to pare back Mrs Hall's breakfasts'

sought advice from Feeding the Nation, Marguerite Patten's book of wartime recipes.

"As a farming community, they've been saving up some treats, so we were able to have a celebration, but not quite as elaborate as it would have been in normal times. We

didn't want it to look too decadent."

to be filmed arriving at the front door and a second for the day of the feast.

For foodie scenes like this, Heald scrutinises the script at macro level. If it's before lunch, she doubles up as the actors are hungry. If one character has a lot of dialogue, the others will eat more so they have something to do. "With Tristan

The shoot demanded two geese - one

away, I cooked less – I don't think Callum

[Woodhouse]
would mind me
saying he liked his
food!" she laughs.
"But they all eat well,
so they're good to
cook for."

## Taff Gillingham MILITARY COSTUME ADVISOR

James Harriot's RAF training presented new challenges for the production team, in terms of both costume and location.

"Most of the time in war films, the characters with any lines tend to be officers – people with lots of bling all over them," says military costume advisor Taff Gillingham. "You might have two air cadets in the background, then disappearing again."

Gillingham and his team at costume supplier Khaki Devil, who have also worked on *Downton Abbey*, trawled contacts and raided friends' collections to pool together a sea of RAF blue to populate Nicholas Ralph's scenes.

"These airfields are massive spaces designed to have planes scattered around so the Germans couldn't turn up and bomb them all in one place," he says. "Inevitably, budget constraints mean that you can only afford so many people in all their gear; you're reliant on tight close-ups."

Compromise is key to producing entertaining drama, and some shortcuts were taken on uniform changes to save time. However, as Gillingham explains: "Often it gets over-simplified as First and Second World War uniform and nothing in between, but in reality when they went to war, most are still dressed as their fathers had been 25 years earlier," he says. "So, we have First World War uniforms but 1930s equipment."



RADIO TIMES ARCHIVE





## BY BERNARD CORNWELL





"King" Arthur lies at the taproot of British history, a heroic figure celebrated in myth, but for whom there is a lamentable lack of evidence that proves his existence. He

is very much alive in legend, in novels, films and TV series, but did he live? And does he deserve his undying fame?

Like every child in Britain, I grew up knowing about Arthur and I was captivated by the world he inhabited; a world of towering castles, noble knights and unfortunate maidens lucky enough to be rescued. The stories were romantic, noble and magical, yet also - as I came to realise utterly misleading. The knights of the round table were depicted in armour that would not be developed for another eight centuries, while their castles owed more to the late Gothic revival period than to the crude timber and earth fortresses of early medieval Britain.

So, though adulthood had dissolved childhood fantasies of a sword in the stone, of Camelot, and of a great quest to find the Holy Grail, I was still obsessed by the Arthurian stories and, perhaps precociously, decided to write novels of Arthur. My ambition was to place Arthur in his own time, which I decided had been the obscure period between the Roman abandonment of Britain in the early fifth century and the conquest of what would become England by the Angles and Saxons.

I also determined to populate the novels only by characters who appear in the very earliest E extant versions of the Arthurian legend,

stubbornly refusing to admit characters introduced by French poet Chrétien de Troyes in the 12th century. I failed in the latter aim, because as the stories developed, I discovered I needed Lancelot, so yielded to the need. I have often observed that it took a Frenchman to introduce adultery to a good British story.

I was also initially reluctant to give Merlin a place in the tales, again on the basis that he does not appear in the earliest tales of Arthur, but seemed to have inspired his own separate myths, which eventually became entangled with the Arthurian stories. My initial reluctance vanished when I recognised the value Merlin added to the story. Nevertheless, while surrendering to the dubious charms of Lancelot and the subtle cleverness of Merlin, I still tried to keep the story true to the remote period when Arthur might have lived, and when his life blazed so bright that to this day we remember him.

T WAS, BY any measure, a brutal period. The Romans left behind a country of British tribes who each had their own kingdom and who fought each other with depressing regularity. Those tribesmen were what we'd call today the Welsh, and the departure of the Romans initiated a crisis for those people. That crisis was the arrival of the Angles and Saxons, warlike tribes from present-day north Germany and Denmark who saw in Britain an easy target for good farmland. Their ships, not dissimilar from the ships of the much later Viking invaders, brought warriors and their families across the North Sea, so precipitated ▷

Author Bernard Cornwell reveals his quest to discover the man behind the legend – and asks, how did a great Welsh hero become an exemplar of a Christian English gentleman?

# HO WAS THE REAL

□ centuries of warfare against the native British.
 In the end the British lost and the invading Germans established the kingdom of England.

If Arthur existed at all then I suspect he was alive in the late fifth/early sixth century, when the struggle between the Britons and the Saxons (or Sais as the Britons called them) was still undecided. Fortunately for us, a Welsh monk named Nennius wrote a history of that period in a book which came to be known as the *Historia Brittonum* – the History of the Britons.

The Historia Brittonum was written in the late ninth century, almost half a millennium after Arthur's lifetime, but it celebrates him as a magnificent war leader who fought 12 battles, all of them victories. It is a fanciful history; Arthur is credited with slaughtering 960 men in one charge. But despite its flights of fancy, the Historia Brittonum leaves no doubt that Arthur was a great British hero. Yet, crucially, he is never given the title of king. Instead Nennius describes him as the *Dux bellorum* – the leader of battles or, as I preferred, the warlord. I adopted that distinction in the novels, never claiming a kingship for Arthur, but leaving him as Nennius, a man who plainly wants to elevate Arthur to great importance, describes him: a warlord.

HE 12TH BATTLE in Nennius's chronicle is a crucial event – the Battle of Mount Badon, the most famous of all the clashes between the Britons and the Saxons. Sadly, we do not know the exact date of the battle, nor the location of the slaughter, but we can be confident that it was a signal event that was recorded and remembered by both sides. Nennius claims that Arthur was the British leader who gained the victory at Mount Badon (indeed it is at Mount Badon that Nennius ascribes 960 victims to Arthur alone), and despite Nennius's many exaggerations and flourishes, I am inclined to believe him.

That victory occurred against the tide of the war; the Saxons were winning and gradually conquering Britain from the east to the west. To the indigenous Britons it must have seemed as if the Sais were unstoppable and were remorse-

lessly taking the land, so beginning the process that would turn most of Britain into England.

Then, suddenly, the Britons win a great victory that checks the Saxon advance and, it seems, halted that inexorable conquest

for at least a generation.
Suddenly, at least in western
Britain, the fears were lifted.
Men could sow crops trusting
they would live to harvest them,
children were safe from being
captured as slaves, and the hated

Saxons were humiliated. And who

CORNWELL'S HEROES
Left: Alexander
Dreymon in The Last
Kingdom. Above: Sean
Bean in Sharpe



was responsible? Arthur. As time passed the inexorable Saxon advance continued, but folk still looked back on the period after Mount Badon as a golden age.

The myth of a golden age is extraordinarily seductive; that there was a time when life was almost perfect. Under England's disastrous Stuart kings people recalled the age of Elizabeth I as a golden age; maybe every society has a golden age in its past when their world was not beset by the political and economic pressures that can render life so unsatisfying - and to the defeated Britons, driven from their land, Arthur's victory at Mount Badon ushered in that brief golden period which contained the implicit promise that it might occur again, another golden age brought by a resurrected Arthur. "A grave for Mark", the Black Book of Carmarthen records, "a grave for Gwythur, a grave for Gwgawn of the red sword, but, perish the thought, a grave for Arthur." Other heroes are dead and buried, but Arthur lives, ready to bring another victory and renewed happiness.

hat explanation of Arthur's significance to the defeated Britons makes sense, but why then did he become a hero to the winners, the Saxons? Mount Badon was an ignominious defeat for the Saxon invaders, yet in time Arthur becomes a hero to the English, the very people he had been fighting. Indeed it is the English who develop the Arthurian myths into its modern form which

surely reached its apotheosis in

Tennyson's

Idylls of the
King, where
Arthur is a
Christian
warrior,
modelled on
Queen Victoria's consort,
Prince Albert,
a n d a n
exemplar of

manners,

morals, valour, and courtesy. How on earth could a Dark Ages British warlord transmute into this hero-king of England?

I believe the answer to that goes back to those early troubled centuries as the Saxons gradually captured the land that would become England. Not all the conquest was by sword and spear. A good deal of it came in the form of mixed marriages as the Saxons took British women as their wives. And women are the pre-eminent agents of cultural transmission. Mothers tell

## 'Arthur is the world's once and future king, the hope of mankind'

their children stories and it is likely that many children of Saxon fathers grew up hearing tales of a great warlord who ushered in a time of peace and plenty. Over time the nationality of that hero became blurred and the Saxons, as susceptible as any other race to the notion of a golden age, adopted him as their own and added the Holy Grail to the stories. Tennyson had it right when he wrote "The old order changeth, yielding place to new". History provides many ironies, but the change of a great Welsh hero into an exemplar of a Christian English gentleman is surely among the most astonishing.

The *Black Book of Carmarthen* probably has it right when it implies that Arthur will never die, but will live on in legend; now no longer an exclusively English or British hero, but a man whose exploits are celebrated worldwide. He continues to offer hope; that defeat can be turned into victory, that peace and prosperity can spring from devastated lands, and that the good and decent can defeat evil.

He is the world's once and future king, the hope of mankind; and in our present days, in a

world corrupted by stupidity, venality and cruelty, we need his inspiration as much as ever.

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## 'I paint the feeling of a bird'

He's best known for comedy antics, but Jim Moir is deadly serious about the art of birdwatching

IM MOIR PAINTS a great bird. Behold his common or garden and rather brilliant robin, rendered so cleverly for Radio Times on this page in the notoriously tricky medium of watercolour. "Robins are pretty easy," he says, when I compliment his work. "I find it's more difficult to paint the birds with scruffy feathers."

Any tips? "It's about being in charge of the water. For instance, when I paint the bird's chest, I get the effect by the amount of water I put on and where I want it to go. Then I use salt to control the water. Depending on the amount of salt, I can give it a kind of feathery effect. And

'Robins are easy it's difficult to paint scruffy feathers'

JIM MOIR

you should pay a bit of attention to the eyes. They're not flat, they're round, and they reflect. If you're going to be paint a bird, or anything, have a look at the reflections and not just the eve."

Along with his wife Nancy Sorrell, and their teenage twins Elizabeth and Nell, the 64-year-old former comedian has been filming the Christmas special of Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir, the disarmingly quirky show where the couple travel the country spotting and then painting birds. They're not alone; these days, rural Britain is

jam-packed with fledgling birders seeking out their first sedge warbler or an elusive linnet.

That increased interest in birds comes at a time when our native species are under extreme stress. "Nearly all birds are in trouble,' says Moir. "A lot of it is down to farming and farming techniques, which could be better, and the sheer amount of buildings that have been built. There are not many new barns and things like that for birds to go. No places for swifts to nest. There are things that can be done - for example, if builders put in swift bricks. But you have to ask, 'Is it birds or people?"

Despite the difficulties that Britain's bird population faces generally, certain species appear to be booming. "We've got ospreys in Kent and you see buzzards everywhere now," says Moir. "If you spotted one when I was young you'd stop and go, 'Look, there's a buzzard!' You see buzzards everywhere now."

"I took a great photo on my phone of a buzzard on a post," says Sorrell. "I couldn't believe it. It was just sitting there proudly." Moir is quick to acknowledge his wife's success. There's a reason the couple have been married for 20 years; they encourage each other and share their love of birdwatching. "Normally, if we see a bird, Jim will say, 'I'm going to paint that when we get home," says Sorrell. "It's so we can say, 'We saw this today, and that's a fact."

OIR WILL OFTEN photograph the birds, then play with the images when he gets back to the studio before he paints them. "A lot of people take photographs of birds," he says. "Which is great, but I'll morph them, Photoshop them, so they're in the position that I want them to be in. There are some brilliant photographers, but I like to paint them. That way, you get a bit more of a sense of the wild. If you can paint them, then you can get the feeling of the bird you've seen and it's not going to look like a photograph. It's a bit of the individual. It's a bit of the bird and it's a bit of me, and it's a bit of us on that day, seeing it." ▷







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## 'We were dumbstruck by the sky – then we heard the wolves'

NANCY SORRELL

comedy partner Bob Mortimer. "It was brilliant seeing Bob," says Sorrell. "He's so lovely, isn't he? So lovely. You had a good time with him."

"Well," says Moir, conceding the point. "Bob's in it and we do some painting together."

Meanwhile, the couple are preparing for midwinter birdwatching in their back garden in rural Kent. "We have problems with squirrels and our bird feeders," Sorrell laments. Nonetheless, Moir says, there are plenty of birds to spot in the garden this winter. "If you're lucky, you might get a great spotted woodpecker or a green woodpecker. There's plenty out there if you keep looking. And there are ones that just appear out of the blue, especially at this time of year."

What to feed them? "If you put in Niger seeds, you're going to get goldfinches – there are plenty of those around now. If you want to give them a real treat, you could provide sunflower seeds and pine kernels, that sort of thing. With peanuts, you're going to get all manner of blue tits and great tits." Birdwatching is a simple pleasure that's open to anyone with a window to look out of – but what do we really see? "Freedom and beauty," says Moir. "That's what it's all about, really, isn't it?" MICHAEL HODGES

**ROBIN** Robins are lovely little birds, but they're very belligerent. They don't mingle with their families, and they're scrappers. They used to be called ruddocks: the name "Robin Redbreast" in the sky was given to them because people thought they looked like the uniformed Victorian postal workers delivering Christmas cards. Jim Moir picks his favourite birds to look out for this winter **SPARROW** We have three different WAXWING sparrows in Britain: the The waxwing is quite opposite to the robin. They like to hang around house sparrow in little groups of about seven with the (pictured) - the dominant male and female, the Mr and Mrs one that everyone sees; the tree sparrow if you like, in the middle. They go for red and then the dunnock, berries, which is very Christmassy, and they'll which is not necessarily a sparrow, but share them with their friends and family. A very attractive bird, they have a crest when I was young we knew it as a hedge sparrow. It's called a dunnock as it's dun and a kind of bank robber's mask marking with brown and small. bright yellow and red on the wings. They come from Scandinavia in winter, looking for berries, especially on the east coast in the north. Perhaps this should be the Christmas bird?

do it throughout the winter, especially in places with somewhere like a pier where

they can roost, like Brighton.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER
Bob Mortimer joins Jim
Moir in the Christmas

STARLING
They're a much-maligned bird, but a starling murmuration is one of the great natural wonders of the world. They

episode of Painting Birds

You get plenty of these in Scotland and they have fantastic colour. The males are orangey-pinky red and the females are yellow, and they've got a crossed bill, as the name suggests. In fact, this is the only British bird with a crossed beak.

**CROSSBILL** 

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INTERVIEWS BY
AMY RAPHAEL

AY RAYNER, GRACE Dent, Jimi Famurewa, Levla Kazim and William Sitwell are usually to be found in the MasterChef dining room, evaluating and enthusing about or excoriating the various dishes put in front of them by chefs hoping to become MasterChef champions. This Christmas, the tables are being turned as the five critics fight it out to win the Golden Cutlery trophy in a Battle of the Critics. Their test? Cook one dish that represents their guilty pleasure, which will be judged by Gregg Wallace and John Torode, then a two-course menu to be completed in 90 minutes and judged by former MasterChef winners including the 2022 Professionals champion Nikita Pathakji. We ask four of the critics (Grace Dent, whose guilty pleasure dish was butter chicken with saffron pilau, was unavailable following her stint in the *I'm A Celebrity*... jungle) why they agreed to don the MasterChef aprons and step into the heat of the kitchen...



## JAY RAYNER

RESTAURANT CRITIC, THE OBSERVER Did you immediately agree to this critics' battle?

Here's some background: I bumped into the series producer in our local park between Christmas and New Year last year. I idly said that everyone wants to see the tables being turned on the critics. And here we are...

How much effort did you put into your guilty pleasure dish of baby spare ribs with chillies alongside a cucumber and coriander salad? One evening at home, I literally laid out every single ingredient and then set the clock. So yes, I practised. I should add that I fully reject the term "guilty pleasure", because I refuse to feel guilty about food that I enjoy making and eating.



## Was it harder to cook in the MasterChef kitchen than at home?

It was very hard, but I wasn't surprised. The one thing that it really did bring into focus is this: I spent years in the critics' room being quite rude about limp dessert offerings, particularly from the professional chefs. But now I understand just how challenging it is to come up with something more than a creamy thing in a bowl, given the time restrictions.

## Were you surprised at how much you wanted Gregg and John's approval of the food that you'd prepared?

That's a really funny one. Because I'm the longest-serving critic – I've worked alongside Gregg and John for 18 years – I know them very well. It was a little odd to be standing in front of them, caring what they thought. But yes, of course I really wanted them to like what I cooked.

## Will you be a kinder critic in the future?

We still have a job to do. In fact, I think it will be helpful being able to say that we know exactly what kind of pressure the contestants have been under.

## You joke in the show that "no one's going to die, although our careers might be ruined".

It's a good line. It only dawned on us on the day what was actually at stake, not just for the critics but for *MasterChef* itself. If we'd all been awful, it would have undermined each critic's reputation and, in turn, that of the show. Without giving anything away, it's fair to say we engaged with it properly. And yes, there

were tears. Food is a sentimental thing; it's

compelling because it tells a story. But you won't have seen my tears; I am making a lifetime commitment never to cry on camera.





## LEYLA KAZIM

TRAVEL AND FOOD PRESENTER

How did vou feel about your food being judged? It was a surprisingly

emotional ride. You sometimes forget the power of food and what it feels like to share it with someone.

For your guilty pleasure, you cooked a dish inspired by your father's Turkish-Cypriot heritage: magarına bulli vahni, cörek, labneh and çoban salatası (pasta with roast chicken, seeded bread, strained yogurt and shepherd's salad). It seems like a very personal choice.

It's the dish that I eat whenever I'm feeling an extreme emotion - if I'm really happy or sad, pissed off or elated. Being able to represent that part of myself in the *MasterChef* kitchen meant a huge amount to me. You're revealing part of yourself, sharing your identity. And yes, I cried. It meant a lot.

## Did you wish you hadn't agreed to take part in the Battle of the Critics at any point?

I did question myself. Can I cook? Do I know how to put a plate of food together? Do I know how to slice an onion? I worried about the gadgets because I'm not a gadget person. Things never work for me. Ever. I was fretting about how to turn the blender on. How to plug it in. What to do if it didn't work. What would the pans be like? Cooking at home is fine because it's my kitchen, my layout, my stuff.

## Will this experience change your attitude as a critic now?

I'm amazed that contestants on MasterChef put themselves in a situation where there's the potential for us to rip into them. And we will if we get bad dishes. Much as I admire the contestants, we're not going to pussyfoot around the fact that something just isn't up to par. So, I'd say that I now fully understand what the contestants have been through, I have a better appreciation of how intense it is. There are no smoke and mirrors, no extra time added, no shortcuts. It's just as you see it on TV.

## JIMI FAMUREWA

CHIEF RESTAURANT CRITIC, LONDON EVENING STANDARD

How did you feel when you heard

## about the Battle of the Critics?

It was an amazing idea in the abstract, but when the confirmation email arrived, there was a mounting dread. As I arrived at the studios, Jay was emerging from his car with a massive box of ingredients and his own pans.

I thought, "I've bitten off more than I can chew!" I enjoy cooking, although it might not look like it on screen, simply because I was filled with both dread and excitement.

## Did vou worry about destroying your reputation with a bad dish?

At every single point of the competition! We joked about it on and off camera, but our credibility really was on the line. Having a breadth of knowledge about food isn't the same as being able to cook under the pressures of the MasterChef kitchen. I was thinking, "I will never live this down if it's a complete calamity!" It was the source of much gallows humour as we all gathered around at the potential end of our careers.

## Why did you decide to cook a fancy fish finger sandwich as your guilty pleasure?

It's the ultimate comfort food for me. I was being honest about my guilty pleasures, maybe to a fault, so I answered the brief by making my own flatbread, tartare sauce and crisps. I found it tough not being able to ask anyone in the MasterChef kitchen for advice. It's hard to convey how full of panic you feel, but it's just so quiet and you have to get on with what you're cooking.

## Was it an emotional experience?

We were laughing a lot about how emotional we were. It was a bit like group therapy. It bonded us as critics, but it was still incredibly competitive.

## You've always been one of the kinder critics. Will you be approaching contestants differently in the future?

I'm quite a reasonable person. I understand that someone can be a good cook and yet crumble under the unique pressure of the MasterChef environment. I hope it will make me a better critic because I have a broader understanding. Although in some ways I might be tougher in the future because I know what I did right and wrong.

## WILLIAM SITWELL

RESTAURANT CRITIC. THE TELEGRAPH

## Have you recovered from the Battle of the Critics?

I will never recover. I haven't experienced stress like that since I was waiting for my A-level results. I've been doing this show for many years and I've seen contestants wilt and collapse. I've seen tears. But you never really experience MasterChef until you actually cook. I literally want to hug every contestant I've ever judged. I now completely empathise and admire what they have to go through.

## Did anything about being on the "other side" of MasterChef surprise you?

When you practise at home, you don't factor in John and Gregg coming to chat to you. They deliberately put you off your stride by making you stop and talk to them. I can't cook and talk at the same time, so I lost ten minutes.

## How much did you practise cooking the chicken Kyiv, mash and peas for your guilty pleasure dish?

I reviewed an amazing Ukrainian restaurant called Mriva in London that was set up by a Ukrainian and is staffed by refugees. They were very eager to teach me how to make a real chicken Kyiv from scratch. I didn't want to let them down. It felt very poignant because although another war is taking our attention, Ukraine is still struggling.

## Were you worried about your reputation?

Yes, because there's a genuine question about your legitimacy as a critic: "What do you know about food? You're not a chef!" So this competition was very exposing. And I'm absolutely sure the viewers would quite like to watch us crash and burn.

## You were even tearful at one point.

I really didn't want to let anyone down...





HIS CHRISTMAS, NIGELLA LAWSON is off to Amsterdam and will be sprinkling her yuletide magic on some Dutch delights. "Although I visited Amsterdam on holiday when I was young," she explains, "it was through work that I started going regularly. When my first book came out in the Netherlands, and then consequently my other books, I'd go every other year towards Christmas and was just bowled over by how particularly beautiful Amsterdam is at this time of year.

"What I adore about Amsterdam is that it is such a vibrant, modern city but one infused with

## 'Food plays such an important part in the life of Amsterdam'

such a rich sense of history. You can feel the bustle of the past in the liveliness of the present."

The recipes she'll be preparing back home are inspired by that rich sense of history: from *speculaas* biscuits ("You're unlikely to get very far in Amsterdam without coming across these festively spiced and beautiful biscuits, and nor would you want to. They are the perfect Christmas cookie") to Dutch mussels ("The Dutch love

their mussels, although it's true that their neighbours the Belgians unfairly get more credit for them! The key is to use butter, and lots of it: it balances the bitterness of the beer and seems to help thicken the broth sweetly as the mussels steam"). She also makes a biryani with a Dutch difference ("There is a reason why Indonesian – or, more correctly, Dutch-Indonesian – food plays such an important part in the cultural life of Amsterdam. Dutch traders went to what is now Indonesia at the end of the 16th century – and stayed on, and from 1816 to 1941 it became a colony of the Netherlands government, the Dutch East Indies").

нат I Love in particular," Lawson says of returning to the Christmas schedules with a festive feast full of her signature cheats and tricks to lighten the load, "is that sense of cocooning at home cosily when it's cold and dark outside. There's a warm glow that comes from fairy lights and candles that is utterly transporting. All I want to add to that is good food, my family and my friends. This cosiness, warmth and feeling of festive companionship is what the Dutch would call 'gezellig' [pronounced "hezelligh"] and that's exactly what this Christmas special celebrates."

## **ALSO ON THIS WEEK**

## Celebrity MasterChef: Christmas Cook-Off

Wednesday 9.00pm BBC1

Gregg Wallace and John Torode welcome back musician Mel Blatt, actor and comedian Richard Blackwood, singer Duncan James and reality star Faye Winter. They're all battling it out to be crowned *Celebrity MasterChef* Christmas Champion 2023. In their Secret Santa Mystery Box, they each have ingredients to craft a dish inspired by Australia: Peter Andre joins as a guest judge.

## The Hairy Bikers: Coming Home for Christmas Tuesday 9.00pm BBC2

Dave Myers was diagnosed with cancer in 2022, but he's happy to be back at work with his pal Si King after nearly two years away from our screens. The pair take to the road to search for seasonal ingredients to create a festive feast. The spread is made to thank the doctors and nurses who carried out Myers's treatment, his family and friends who have been with him every step of the way and the food producers who helped him fall in love with food again. See p154

## Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South

Sunday 6.30pm ITV1

Gino D'Acampo travels to Bari, the capital of Puglia, and the town of Cisternino to prep a three-course fish supper that might make you consider ditching the turkey. If you're not a fish fan, don't worry – you can certainly

get your fill when it

LAURA RUTKOWSKI

comes to his desserts.
They include a traditional
tasty pastry called *cartellate*,
the Italian equivalent of the
mince pie, and if you have any leftover
panettone, find out how to make a
zuccotto ice cream cake.

## Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts

Monday 8.00pm C4

Cooking during the Christmas period is always a stressful task, which is why Jamie Oliver is here to make the process run as smoothly as possible. In the second part of his festive offering, he shows you how to make the most out of your oven space and perfect the main dish and sides, so you're left with more time to spend with loved ones.

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# THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

When picking a SPOTY winner, we love a loser, says **Simon Barnes** 



ONE OF THE things I like best about the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award is that you don't

have to win anything to win it. Instead of slavishly handing it out to the highest sporting achiever of the year, we are swayed by something less tangible – meaning we even give it to losers.

Tuesday night's ceremony marks the 70th time the silver-plated camera has been awarded since its 1954 inception, when voting rules were laid out in *RT*, no less. So as we ponder whom to vote for this year, it's worth reflecting on the kinds of winners who have previously taken our fancy. Twice, for example, we have awarded the prize to members of the royal family – Princess Anne in 1971 and her daughter Zara Phillips in 2006 – who were jolly good riders. Britain has produced much better, but they were less royal.

F COURSE, WINNING is hardly a disadvantage. Andy Murray, the only triple winner, won in 2013 after becoming the first British champion of the men's singles at Wimbledon since 1936; in 2015 when he led GB to victory in the Davis Cup for the first time in almost 80 years; and in 2016, when he won Wimbledon again. This year, though, the favourite is a loser, the second favourite only managed to draw and the third favourite hasn't done anything special other than retiring. Who said winning was the only thing that matters?

The favourite is Mary Earps, goalkeeper of the England women's football team that almost won the World Cup. She saved a penalty in the final, had three clean sheets in the tournament and conceded only three goals in open play, plus one penalty. Nike, who weren't initially going to sell her replica shirt, changed their minds in light of her brilliance. She had people talking 1966 again, but Spain were too good in the final. Earps is a terrific player, but, this year at least, not a winner.  $\triangleright$ 

# BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2023 Goalkeeper

Mary Earps (top) was considered England's best player in the 2023 . Women's World Cup and is favourite to win the award. She's followed by former cricketer Stuart Broad (far right), and jockey Frankie Dettori (near right). The shortlist for the award hadn't been finalised as RT went to press, but will be announced ahead of Tuesday's show. Details on how to vote will be given during the ceremony.



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Very quickly we were inundated with wounded men, women and children. Seventeen people were dead on arrival. The emergency room was full, the two operating theatres were full. In one theatre, we were trying to manage the most complex cases; in the second, we were working on cases that were a bit less complicated. That day, we ran the operating theatres until four or five in the morning. We worked

War surgery is complicated. Working with wounded patients brings a lot of challenges and, if you aren't used to doing this type of surgery, it can be especially difficult. You need to know the potential risk for a patient if they are not treated immediately - risks such as infections or losing a limb or haemorrhaging. Bullets and shrapnel are dirty and they create massive wounds, so in a war zone you treat every single wound as already infected. These injuries are complex and you need to act quickly. Our team was experienced and that expertise made a big difference.

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Similarly, Stuart Broad is a wonderful cricketer who might well get the award because he retired at the end of the summer after 604 Test match wickets. In poetic fashion, he hit his final ball in Test cricket for six and the last ball he bowled took the game-winning wicket. And yet his record in 2023 is two drawn series, 1−1 in New Zealand and 2−2 in the Ashes. He didn't actually win a Test series in 2023. But who cares?

Third favourite is Frankie Dettori, jockey and vivid public personality, as seen in the Australian jungle. He's had a very decent year, winning two classics. That wouldn't normally be enough for the BBC award, but he also retired. If you remember that he then unretired and went to ride in America, never mind - we can always turn this into a lifetime achievement award. After all, we did that with Ryan Giggs in 2009 - then a well-loved footballer and jockey AP McCoy in 2010.

OR NEVER FORGET that this award is about sentiment, not logic. It's about what we viewers happen to think – or rather, feel – at the time of voting. In a sense, the award is about us, not them. And choosing a loser is our right.

In 2001, David Beckham's last-second free-kick against Greece took England to the World Cup. It rescued a deeply flawed qualification campaign, but England hadn't won a thing. Their achievement was to be no worse than 32nd in the world. But hell, it was a great moment - so we gave it to Becks. In 1997, tennis player Greg Rusedski got the award for being runner-up in the US Open, where he was comprehensibly beaten by Pat Rafter of Australia. In 1994 Damon Hill lost by a single point to Michael Schumacher in the Formula One driver's championship, so we gave him the award to make

But what is the quintessential example of the beloved British loser? Well, it has to be Paul Gascoigne,

up for it.

'Gazza is the quintessential beloved British loser'

"One vote per person and on a postcard please." RT published the voting rules of the inaugural award

who got it for crying in 1990. He had been intermittently brilliant in England's unexpected run to the semi-finals of the World Cup in Italy. Then he got booked, ruling himself out of the final, should England have got there, and was substituted in tears. If he hadn't been overwhelmed by self-pity, he might have inspired England to victory in that fraught match against West Germany, or perhaps even scored a penalty in the shootout. But no matter, England lost and we took Gazza to our soft sporting hearts.

Y FAVOURITE LOSER, though, is David Steele

in 1975. The cricketer played three Tests against Australia that year, England didn't win a single one and Steele didn't even score a century. But this was the mighty Australian team that included fast bowlers Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, so it wasn't about whether England won, but how courageously they lost. With the help of Steele's dogged and courageous batting, England managed three draws, and this was seen as a triumph. Meek-looking and bespectacled, Steele was nicknamed "the bank clerk who went to war". He was top of the BBC poll because of his futile heroism, which revealed little about him but a great deal about the voters.

The way we hand out the award is sometimes whimsical, sometimes contradictory and sometimes downright perverse. But it's ours to do as we please with. Sports Personality of the Year isn't about capturing victory or sport's most glittering prizes, it's about capturing the imagination of the audience. So vote for Mary Earps and continue a great tradition.

BBC Sports Personality of the Year is Tuesday 7.00pm BBC1

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and 2006 winner
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winner, footballer
David Beckham;
cricketer and 1975
winner, "the bank
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# **OUR DEADLY TV ADDICTION**

Why can't we stop watching true crime?

Dominic West mused to RT last week on how often his working life involved playing villainous characters. He told me, "They tend to have the best lines and the best jokes."

West's roll-call of bad-uns isn't surprising, considering how much true crime there is on our screens. The latest is Vanishing Act, an engrossing, slightly caperish telling of the disappearance of Australian businesswoman Melissa Caddick, who vanished from her home in one of Sydney's most plush suburbs in November 2020.

It was later revealed she'd been running a Ponzi scheme, ripping off her loved ones to the tune of \$40million. Then her foot turned up in a shoe on a beach, three months later and 400km away. You can see why the TV makers came calling, and why this drama promises to stand out even in a very crowded market. Just in case you're having trouble believing the story,

ITVX is airing a documentary on the same subject alongside the drama.

'There is always the danger of glamorising cruel behaviour'

A quick search for "true crime" conjures up all sorts of similar fare. Meet Marry Murder and Till Murder Do Us Part both do exactly what they say on the tin. Trust me, I've watched them, and

At Christmas two years ago, what Lover's Killer, the series exploring

the fatal outcomes of love gone horribly sour.

Why do we rush to view such brutal business? According to industry types, lockdown had a lot to do with it, millions of us enjoying the relief of escaping into a world where chaos rules, briefly, before being righted. And it's predominantly women watching, reportedly. The admittedly broad brushstroke thinking is that,

while men may be interested in the "how" of such crimes, women are drawn to the "why".

We also have to be honest with ourselves. The same reasons that these real-life personalities become such effective agents of seduction and betrayal - narcissism disguised as love-bombing, techniques of seduction often fuelled by buckets of shallow but deadly charisma, intense and flattering concentration on susceptible, mostly but not always female victims - make them equally powerful subjects for television.

> That, and our disbelief over how easily some people can be duped or deceived. As Melissa Caddick (Kate Atkinson) shares not with her victims but with us viewers, "I found most people will believe anything. That's how I got rich in the first place."

Perhaps they should watch more crime drama. (Talking of which, Bad Surgeon: Love Under the Knife has just appeared on Netflix. That's my weekend sorted.)

Inevitably, with the lure of such big audiences, the drama departments have not lagged behind, their bigger budgets enabling great scripts and feel. The crimes of The Sixth Commandment seemed doubly shocking because the victims were played by those gentle souls Timothy Spall and Anne Reid. And I heard one woman admit that, even though she'd seen the documentary of The Staircase where novelist Michael Peterson was accused of killing his wife, she could no longer believe him to be guilty because, well, he was played by Colin Firth in the subsequent drama.

THERE IS ALWAYS the danger of glamorising cruel behaviour (see also Eric Bana as romantic swindler Dirty John, and Evan Peters in the title role of *Dahmer*), a line trodden by some better than others. But we can't blame these shows for society. Bearing in mind the shocking statistics of domestic violence, former Chief Crown Prosecutor Nazir Afzal, who worked on bringing to justice the Rochdale sex abuse ring and saw himself portrayed on screen, has a point when he says of the victims he has long sought to help, "They're more likely to see it in their own homes than they are to see it on TV. We shine a light on it."

Vanishing Act is on Monday 9pm ITV1. The full series and The Real Vanishing Act are on ITVX now



# I'm not alone.

do you reckon was right up there with Call the Midwife as one of the most-watched shows on British TV? According to Netflix it was My

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# **Disney+**

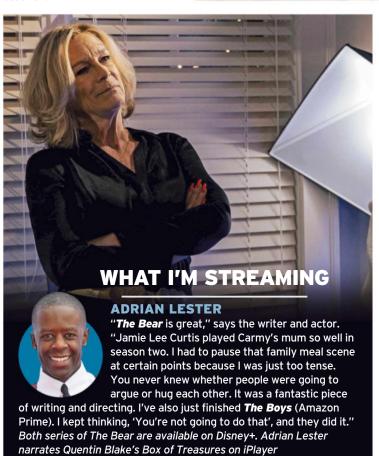


# ANIMATION What If...?

Available from Friday

Marvel's take on Sliding Doors returns for a second series, dropping one episode a day for nine days over the festive period. As with series one, you can expect animated tales of what could have happened in its movie universe if things had gone differently, including a festive Die Hard-alike adventure, a 17th-century reimagining of the Avengers and an episode based on classic musicals. The stars reprising their roles from the movies include Karen Gillan, Michael Douglas, Jeffrey Wright, Jeff Goldblum, Jon Favreau and Benedict Cumberbatch, to name but a few. HF







# DRAMA A Murder at the End of the World

Episode 7 available from Tuesday



Many murder mysteries end with everyone in a room, waiting for the killer to be revealed.

This one does too, only the room is a nuclear bunker below a frozen wilderness, constructed by an irascible billionaire (Clive Owen) who is ticked off someone has ruined his fancy retreat. As the accusations fly, nervous sleuth Darby (Emma Corrin) comes up with the answer, which is not one you'd find in any Agatha Christie book. What threatened to become an impenetrably odd series ends up delivering a neat finale. **JS** 



#### **COMEDY**

### Theater Camp $\star\star\star$ 🗈

Available now

Bratty theatre kids and pretentious tutors make up this fitfully funny mockumentary, set in an upstate New York summer camp. Indifferent Troy (Jimmy Tatro) is forced to take over the camp when his mother (Amy Sedaris) collapses. That's no small challenge, with the bank threatening closure and a rival camp hovering to swoop in and grab their land. Debut directors Nick Lieberman and Molly Gordon quickly drop the mock-doc set-up, which is a shame, but Gordon and co-writer Ben Platt (above) are very funny as the two creatives behind the camp's central show. JAMES MOTTRAM

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# **STREAMING**

# **BBC** iPlayer



# THRILLER The Tourist

All 6 eps of series 1 available now Harry and Jack Williams, masters of plot-heavy thrillers and architects of recent BBC1 drama Boat Story, scored one of their biggest hits last year with this offbeat thriller, set to return soon for a second season. Jamie Dornan is a man with memory loss marooned in the Australian outback, with Danielle Macdonald as the shy cop who investigates the case. Filmed with a cinematic elan and a delight in unexpected distractions that recall the Coen brothers, it's stuffed with characters who are not as they seem, and they all seem pretty kooky to begin with. JACK SEALE



# SPORT DRAMA Believe ★★★ III

Available now

Legendary Manchester United manager Matt Busby decides to encourage a team of gifted voungsters in this fictionalised drama from 2012. The retired Sir Matt (Succession's Brian Cox) takes it upon himself to coach the side after their star player (Jack Smith, above with Cox) steals his wallet. Whether wondering why he survived the 1958 Munich air disaster or bantering with the lads - who have no idea who he is - Cox is a delight, and is ably supported by Philip Jackson and Anne Reid. It's genial, feel-good fare, but a bit more grit wouldn't have gone amiss. DAVID PARKINSON





TY: SKY



# **Channel 4**



# THRILLER The Couple Next Door

All 6 episodes available now

Eleanor Tomlinson and Sam Heughan lead this steamy-if-silly drama about two couples in a suburban cul-de-sac who grow dangerously close. Evie (Tomlinson) and Pete (Alfred Enoch) arrive across the street from Danny (Heughan) and Becka (Jessica De Gouw), and soon they're in each other's pockets - and their beds. while a voyeuristic neighbour (Hugh Dennis) looks on. It all builds to a dramatic, gun-waving finale that leaves you thinking: if only everyone had kept their curtains closed, it would have saved them all a lot of bother. FRANCES TAYLOR



# COMEDY DRAMA The Farewell ★★★★ ™

Available now

When an elderly Chinese woman is diagnosed with terminal cancer, her family opts not to tell her, taking on the emotional burden themselves and secretly celebrating her life behind the guise of a family wedding. However, their decision sits uneasily with her granddaughter Billi (Awkwafina, above with Zhao Shu-Zhen as her grandmother), a New Yorker who's one of the many relatives flying in for the occasion. Despite having its plot rooted in sadness and mortality, this is an upbeat and life-affirming movie filled with laughs.

DAVE ALDRIDGE



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# COMEDY DRAMA Breeders

All 4 series available now



They say life begins at 40, although that's when everything has come to an end for *Breeders*. The

"sadcom" starring Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard has bowed out after 40 episodes charting the ups and (frequent) downs of parenting for Paul (Freeman) and Ally (Haggard). The finale loops back to the very first episode, and in between we've had celebrations, frayed nerves and the dark, painful reality of what it means to be in the sandwich generation.

FRANCES TAYLOR



#### **SUPERHERO FANTASY**

#### **Shazam! Fury of the Gods**

★★★★ 12 Available 15 December

The first Shazam! (2019) was a surprise screwball entry in the DC movie universe, and this action-packed sequel is just as good. Having become Shazam (Zachary Levi), teen orphan Billy Batson (Asher Angel) recruits the other kids in his foster home as superheroes. They face a trio of vengeful Greek goddesses (Helen Mirren, Lucy Liu and Rachel Zegler) who have escaped their millennia-long imprisonment. The film is full of heart, warmth and charm – and Levi remains a lovable goofball of a hero. DAVE GOLDER



## Apple TV+

#### **ANIMATION**

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his friends. JS

earns him

A Charlie Brown Christmas Available Saturday A proper festive classic, first shown

in the US in 1965, when it was a mould-breaker thanks to Vince Guaraldi's jazz score backing the action when audiences would have expected a loud canned-laughter soundtrack. Guaraldi's accompanying LP remains one of the best Christmas albums ever, and lends the animation a timeless elegance. The story is shot through with the tender heartbreak of the Peanuts comic strip, as Charlie Brown's

#### SCI-FI

Monarch: Legacy of Monsters Ep 7 available Friday

With their unreliable mentor Lee
Shaw (Kurt Russell) off on his
own manoeuvres, the young
team are in crisis, down
a member and on their
way to discover how the
big monster-hunting
companies conduct their
ruthless business. But those
people in dark suits are in for
a shock, too: they are dealing with
the world's most dogged and
resourceful Godzilla experts.

It's set up for a momentous

denouement next time. JS



combat as he is. It's another

fuelled episode. JACK SEALE

fast, funny, adrenaline-

# **SPY DRAMA Slow Horses**

Series 3 ep 5 available Wednesday

This show is on fire. The penultimate episode focuses entirely on the stand-off at the MI5 storage facility, and it's utterly thrilling, with two of the Slough House team facing impossible, deadly odds. Outside, their colleagues are assembling some sort of rescue mission. The way the episode combines brutal gun violence with the series' normal shambolic humour is a bewildering miracle – but the gripping action trumps everything. You'll be frantic with anticipation ahead of next week's conclusion to series three. Js



# SCI-FI For All Mankind

Series 4 ep 7 available Friday If you want a measure of how different this show is to your average humans-in-space drama, try this: a pivotal new episode revolves entirely around an industrial dispute. The workers we've followed all year, extracting vital resources from an asteroid near Mars, go to the wall to get fair pay but, with their opposition comprising essentially a coalition of every nation on Earth, things don't look promising. Instead of spaceships exploding, the big climaxes are characters revealing exactly who they are and what they stand for. JS

# **STREAMING**

# **Netflix**



# **DRAMA Gyeongseong Creature**

Available from Friday

To Seoul under Japanese colonial rule for this foreboding Korean drama, set in the spring of 1945 when the inhabitants of "Gyeongseong" were desperate for liberation. A monster, which may well be a giant metaphor, is stirring: on its tail is the wealthy owner of the city's most exclusive pawn shop, and a sleuth who has a reputation for solving impossible cases. The lead actors, Park Seo-joon and Han So-hee, are both big stars in South Korea, and the show has an alluringly dark presence. JACK SEALE



### **Paramount+**

#### **COMEDY**

The Curse Episode 6 available from Saturday

Oh, poor Asher (Nathan Fielder, below). One half of a self-unaware couple annoying everyone in a New Mexico town with their patronising home-makeover TV show *Fliplanthropy*, he is becoming persona non grata. And in his absence, pot-stirring producer Dougie (Benny Safdie) is playing on the weakness of Asher's wife, Whitney (a brilliant Emma Stone). The scene where Whitney and Dougie watch a terribly boring sequence they've just shot is *The Curse* all over: deliciously, but almost unbearably cringeworthy. JS



# To rent/buy



# DRAMA The Great Escaper

★★★ Available from 11 December

This charming film tells the true story of Bernard Jordan, an 89-year-old Second World War veteran. In 2014, Bernie (Michael Caine) leaves his care home in Hove to make his way to the 70th D-Day commemorations in Normandy. As he travels across the Channel, he enjoys the kindness of strangers and reflects on a conflict that left him with emotional wounds. Caine invests Jordan with dignity, while in her final role Glenda Jackson offers fine support as Bernie's irascible wife. JM



#### DRAMA

#### The Old Oak ★★★★ 🗉

Available from 15 December

Director Ken Loach returns to the North East for this frank, heartfelt examination of a community in crisis. The Old Oak is a pub on its knees, with only a few regulars. The locals are antagonistic towards the Syrian refugees who have recently been placed in their town. However, when pub landlord TJ Ballantyne (Dave Turner) befriends photographer Yari (Ebla Mari), he is given renewed purpose. This is one of Loach's more hopeful films about the indefatigable nature of the human spirit. **JM** 

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#### ITVX itv.com

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### CHANNEL 4 channel4.com

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#### ACORN TV acorn.tv

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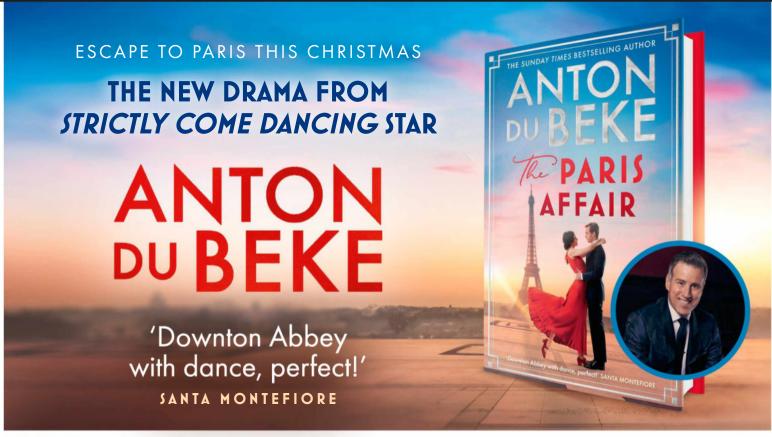
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#### **DOCUMENTARY**

#### Building the Billion Pound Cruise Ship

8.00pm **C4** Catch up: C4 streaming Less of a boat, more of a floating resort. This film follows an elite team of engineers in France, racing against tight deadlines to construct one of the world's biggest, most technologically advanced cruise ships.

When it comes to the numbers, there's lots to crunch through: 42,000 tons of steel form the hull. It's fitted out with 2,500 cabins, 13 dining areas, shops, bars, a spa and not one but seven swimming pools – complete with a record-breaking, 11-deck-high water slide.

Then there's just the small matter of loading aboard the 350 tons of food needed before 7,000 guests embark. Jane McDonald, eat your heart out. MICHAEL HOGAN

#### DRAMA

# Agatha Christie and the Curse of Ishtar

8.00pm **Drama** 

Catch up via UKTV Play

What to do when Agatha Christie's bestsellers have all been adapted for TV, some several times over? Why, turn the author herself into a detective, of course. Obviously, the real Christie didn't go around solving cases, but this feature-length drama is the second to imagine that she did.

So, here we're in 1928, two years on from the events of *Agatha and the Truth about Murder*, and the crime writer (played by Lyndsey Marshal) is about to get caught up in deadly goings-on while on an archaeological dig in Iraq following her divorce. It's fanciful stuff and doesn't bear much scrutiny, but Marshal makes a convincing Christie and the mystery itself has its moments. **DAVID BROWN** 

#### DRAMA Hidden Assets

9.00pm, 9.50pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer



A closing double bill for a cop/conspiracy thriller that knows how to stop our interest flagging.

Whenever it all threatens to get a bit grey and talky – Limerick and Antwerp aren't the lushest backdrops – a sniper appears on a roof, a car blows up or, as in the double bill to conclude series two, the mole at large within the Irish/Belgian joint law enforcement operation puts everyone in grave danger.

The unmasking of the traitor is suitably dramatic, making *Hidden*Assets resemble a budget version of *Line of Duty*. Meanwhile, there's a grand plot involving shady companies and shadier terrorists for the Euro cops to unpick. **JACK SEALE** 

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

#### Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator

9.00pm **Sky Documentaries** Catch up via Now

As this frequently distressing series continues, one young Portuguese woman reaches out on social media to others around the world who share similar fragmented recollections of their time at the Italian flat of predator Leonardo. Slowly the women realise that the pattern they suspect – that the off-duty policeman drugged and sexually assaulted women he met through the Couchsurfer website – is all too real.

Convincing the authorities, though, is alarmingly difficult. But when an Australian mother accuses Leonardo of assaulting her 16-year-old daughter, the campaigners feel flickers of hope that they might finally make him pay. CERI THOMAS

# Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream - behind the Scenes 4.00pm ITV1 Join Zoe Ball (right) for backstage footage,

interviews and two unseen performances.



## Survivor: the Finals

6.00pm, 9.05pm **BBC1** With just four days left in the game, a dilemma at the outpost provides some motivation for the final five.

#### Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes

9.05pm **Channel 5** In the first of a new series, the quiz host picks his sitcom idols, from Steptoe and Son to Gavin & Stacey.

# DOCUMENTARY Lockerbie

10.00pm **Sky Documentaries** Catch up via Now



When three Scottish judges pronounced in 2001 that Abdelbaset al-Megrahi was quilty of

the Lockerbie bombing in December 1988, not everyone agreed. Some, including Jim Swire and the Rev John Mosey, fathers of two of the victims, insist the evidence was suspect.

The final film in this well-balanced series suggests an alternative theory and reveals there was a similar plane bombing in 1989. Libya denied responsibility, but paid compensation to the bereaved families anyway. It's still unclear who carried out the atrocity, but it seems politics and economic concerns played a part in the investigations. JANE RACKHAM

#### **MUSIC**

# Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution 10.05pm, 11.05pm

BBC2 Catch up via iPlayer



Encompassing joy and pain, bound up with racial, gender and sexual liberation, disco is

established during the opening salvo of a fine, forensic three-parter as being about politics as much as music. How could it be otherwise when the communities that gave birth to disco were so marginalised?

In part two disco goes supernova with Saturday Night Fever, I Will Survive et al: Candi Staton and Labelle's Nona Hendryx add vivid recollections to those of assorted producers, critics and partygoers.

Disco at the BBC: Volume 2 at 9.05pm lets us see some of disco's finest in action. GABRIEL TATE

#### COMEDY

#### **Victoria Wood Night**

From 10.45pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

When much-missed comedy giant Victoria Wood died in 2016, she left behind a staggering body of work that remains hilarious and, at times, poignant. First tonight, her As Seen on TV: Special from 1987, which includes The Making of Acorn Antiques – pure genius, with creasing turns from Maggie Steed and Julie Walters.

At 11.30pm, Duncan Preston, Wood's go-to lugubrious straight man, introduces *Pat and Margaret*, the acid-sharp 1994 comedy drama with Wood and Walters as long-lost sisters, and where Thora Hird has the killer line ("Not on the eiderdown!"). At 1.05am, an obscure edition of *Scene* (1985) shows Wood at home and on tour. **PATRICK MULKERN** 

### **LIVE SPORT**



#### Football: Women's Super League

Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal 11.30am (k/o 12 noon) Sky Premier League

Arsenal's Beth Mead is raring to go again after recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament injury.

#### Football: Premier League Burnley v Everton 5pm (k/o 5.30pm) Sky Main

**Event/Premier League**A key game in the lower order.

#### Cricket: Men's T20 Series West Indies v England 5pm TNT Sports 2

Third in a five-match series from Grenada.

# FILM OF THE DAY



# Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them 5.30pm ITV1

There's a whole new magical world to discover in this prequel series to the *Harry Potter* saga. Eddie Redmayne plays the "magizoologist" in Manhattan who struggles to keep his array of creatures under control. (2016)

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#### **COMEDY DRAMA**

#### Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery 9.00pm Gold Catch up via Now

Gemma (Sian Gibson) and Terry (Johnny Vegas) are hoping for a picture-postcard festive season, only the village where they've chosen to stay could easily be twinned with Royston Vasey, what with the Father Christmasses taking part in a local contest hearing the sound of slay bells. Santas are being slaughtered and their brutal deaths threaten to put a damper on plans for the perfect romantic getaway – the last things Gemma and Terry want to be given are gold, frankincense and murder.

But guest stars including Martin Kemp, Rose Ayling-Ellis, Peter Davison and Jane Horrocks do their damnedest to arouse suspicion (and get the biggest laughs), so our dopey detectives end up taking on the case. As ever, the comedy is bawdy and broad, though this time it comes with added baubles. **DB** 

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# **SATURDAY Main Channels**

#### **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live: Countdown to Christmas Matt Tebbutt is joined by chefs Big Has and Gennaro Contaldo, along with special guest Rob Brydon. Helen McGinn chooses the drinks. (S) (HD)

11.30 Mary Makes It Easy 6/6. Mary helps West End star Michael Ball. Shown last Thursday BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Football Focus With Alex Scott. (S) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

1.15 Bargain Hunt In Nottinghamshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 Swallows and Amazons \*\*\* Adventure based on Arthur Ransome's classic children's novel, starring Rafe Spall and Kelly Macdonald. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p57. (2016, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

**GBBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.40** Final Score Jason Mohammad presents the afternoon's football scores

3.30-4.30 Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas Stacey is joined by friends and family to create festive home-made gifts and decorations. Shown last Thu (S) (AD) (HD)

6.05am Hey Duggee (R) (S) (HD) 6.10 Supertato (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6.20 Shaun the Sheep (R) (S) (HD) 6.35 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! (R) (S) (HD) 6.50 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese (R) (S) (HD) 7.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings (R) (S) (HD) 7.15 Pokémon: Sun and Moon - Ultra Legends (R) (S) (HD) 7.40 The Football Academy Gavers gets a chance to shine, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.05 Blue Peter (R) (S) (HD) 8.35 Newsround (S) (HD) 8.45 Gardeners' World Winter Specials Adam Frost visits Mary Berry. Shown yesterday Signed rpt Friday 8am (S) (HD)

9.45 The Waltons' Homecoming ★★ Period drama based on the 1970s TV series, starring Logan Shroyer, Marcelle LeBlanc and Christian Finlayson, On iPlayer for 30 days, (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

11.00 Snow Wolf Family and Me Gordon Buchanan follows the wolves as they go hunting. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12 noon My Million Pound Menu A zero-waste food

stall is among the final restaurant ideas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm The Ipcress File** ★★★★ Spy thriller starring Michael Caine and Nigel Green. Intelligence agent

Harry is plunged into the world of counter-espionage as he uncovers a "brain drain" among scientists. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p57. (1965, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.45-4.40 Clash of the Titans ★★★ Fantasy ladventure starring Laurence Olivier and Harry Hamlin. On iPlayer for 26 days. (1981, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.00am Catchphrase Game show. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.40 Love Your Garden** In south Wales. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.35 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan welcomes Sir Keir Starmer, Penelope Keith and Mark Williams to Manor Farm. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD) 9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas James is joined by Sir Cliff Richard and Judi Love, chefs Lisa Goodwin-Allen and Sat Bains and baker Richard Bertinet. Rptd tomorrow 7.30am (S) (HD)

11.40 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen John Torode and Lisa Faulkner make centrepieces. (R) (S) (HD)

12.45pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD) **1.00–4.00 LIVE Racing** Ed Chamberlin presents coverage from Cheltenham, featuring the December Gold Cup at 1.50 and starts at 1.15, 2.25, 3.00 and **3.35**, plus the best action from Doncaster. (S) (HD)

**6.10am The Simpsons** Seven episodes. (R) (S) (AD) 9.15 We're Going on a Bear Hunt Animation about a family's expedition in search of bears. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.50 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow **Baby** Animated version of the story. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.20 The Tiger Who Came to Tea Hand-drawn animated version of Judith Kerr's tale. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.50 Christmas Encore** ★★ Romantic drama. A wannabe actress's big break is put in jeopardy when she learns the theatre is going to be shut down. Streaming for 30 days. (2017) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.35-3.10pm Four in a Bed Including visits to Gloucestershire, Ceredigion and Powys. (R) (S) (HD)

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

**Strictly Come** Dancing: the Final 7.00pm Cher adds some vocal magic to tonight's extravaganza



#### 4.30pm Final Score

Jason Mohammad presents today's results and news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland. Producer Graham Bennett: Editor Helen Dapre (S) (HD)

#### 5.15 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out

Nick Park's Bafta-winning first outing for the animated duo sees the pair take a trip to the Moon when their cheese supplies run out. With the voice of Peter Sallis. Director/Producer Nick Park Rptd Fri 8.30pm BBC3 (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 5.40 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Survivor: the Finals

15/16. With just four days left in the game, a dilemma at the outpost provides some motivation for the final five as they make some difficult emotional decisions. At a tricky immunity challenge, patience, timing and puzzle skills are rewarded, but who will be the 14th person voted out of the show? Continues at 9.05pm. Series director Rob Fisher; Exec producers Natalka Znak, Claire O'Donohoe, Stephen Lovelock and Georgina Hinds Rptd Tue 12.55am (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Strictly Come Dancing: the Final

**Ep 13.** Weeks of fierce competition have been leading up to this moment, as the last trio of couples perform three routines each, in a bid to become this year's champions. The scores of judges Craig Revel Horwood, Motsi Mabuse, Shirley Ballas and Anton Du Beke will be important, but the viewers will ultimately decide the winners of the trophy. There's also a song from Cher and an ensemble dance by all the Strictly stars of the season. As ever, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman are tonight's hosts. A festive edition is on Christmas Day. See page 50. Exec producer Sarah James; Series editors Jack Gledhill and Robin Lee-Perrella Signed repeat Thursday 2.10am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.05 Survivor: the Finals

16/16. At the last immunity challenge, a guaranteed spot in the final three is on the line for whoever can endure it for the longest time. With one last place on the jury, who will fall at the final hurdle? The final three places are up for grabs but only one person can emerge victorious, winning the £100,000 prize. Repeated Wednesday 12.40am (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.05 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.25 Match of the Day

Highlights of today's matches in the Premier League, featuring Manchester City v Crystal Palace, Burnley v Everton, AFC Bournemouth v Luton Town, Chelsea v Sheffield United and Newcastle United v Fulham. plus last night's game between Nottingham Forest and Tottenham Hotspur. Presented by Gary Lineker. Producer Ian Finch; Editor Richard Hughes Rptd Sun 7.35am (S) (HD)

#### 11.45 Highlander ★★★

Action fantasy starring Christopher Lambert and featuring Sean Connery. An antiques dealer living in modern New York is, in fact, a 16th-century Scottish warrior, one of a group known as "immortals" who can only be killed when decapitated by another of their kind. Meanwhile, the city's police are rather concerned by the discovery of a headless body and an ancient sword. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p57. Connor MacLeod Christopher Lambert Rachel Ellenstein Sheila Gish Sean Connery Detective Walter Sunda Kastagir Detective Walter Bedsoe Jon Polito Brenda Wyatt Hugh Quarshie Christopher Malcolm Clancy Brown Kirk Matunas Kurgan Heather Beatie Edney Fasil
Alan North Dugal MacLeod Peter Diamond Lieutenant Frank Moran Director Russell Mulcahy (1986, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

1.35am The Rap Game UK 6/6 Series 5. Krept, Konan and DJ Target decide which of the finalists will be crowned series winner. A box set is on iPlayer. Shown last Monday BBC3 (S) (HD) **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) **2.40–6.00am BBC News** (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

#### BBC2

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Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution

10.05pm DJ Nicky Siano recalls how he popularised a brand new sound



#### 4.40pm Flog It!

Paul Martin presents a collection of the best finds from the show's travels around the country. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 5.10 Chris and Michaela: under the **Christmas Sky**

A mix of winter wonder, wildlife and wilderness with Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan. In the Arabian desert in Jordan they search for the Star of Bethlehem, and experience the nomadic life of the Bedouin. Director/Producer Kim Maddever (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.10 Penguins: Meet the Family

Covering all 18 species, this documentary includes footage of penguins that live in seemingly unfamiliar places, such as those inhabiting dense woodland to the ones facing daily perils climbing rocks and avoiding hungry sea lions. Narrated by Liz Bonnin. Series producer Lara Bickerton Executive producer Doug Mackay-Hope (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.10 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel \*\*\*

Comedy drama. A group of British pensioners decide to try and make the pennies go further by spending their retirement at what they believe to be a luxury hotel in Jaipur. But the establishment run by the irrepressible Sonny proves to be something quite different. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p57. Judi Dench Sonny Evelyn

Douglas Bill Nighy Jean Penelope Wilton Ronald Pickup Celia Imrie Norman Graham Tom Wilkinson Madge

Director John Madden (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 9pm BBC4
The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is tomorrow 5.25pm

#### 9.05 Disco at the BBC: Volume 2

Dancing gear and glitterballs at the ready – it's time for another slice of disco heaven, with a celebration of nightclub classics taken from the BBC archives. From George McCrae's Rock Your Baby to Anita Ward's Ring My Bell, via Yes Sir, I Can Boogie by Baccara and many more, it's a playlist that's guaranteed to get everyone moving to the beat. Producer Shelley Talton; Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

#### 10.05 Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution

New series. 1/3. Rock the Boat. The story of the global music phenomenon, beginning with its roots in the gay and black communities of 1970s New York City, when a new generation of DJs, including Nicky Siano and David Mancuso, pioneered a distinct sound in apartments and basement bars. With the country mired in political and economic misery, these new underground clubs represented a form of escapism. Within a couple of years, the musical orthodoxy began to take notice of disco. (S) (HD)

11.05 2/3. Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now. A look at how disco conquered the mainstream charts, from Donna Summer's provocative single Love to Love You Baby to Sylvester's You Make Me Feel Mighty Real. As disco's influence spread across Europe, it spawned the electronic stylings of Giorgio Moroder, while the Bee Gees became the "acceptable" face of disco with their multimillion-selling soundtrack album Saturday Night Fever. See page 51. Director Grace Chapman; Series producer Catherine Abbott (S) (HD)

12.05am Gloria Gaynor in Concert The soul singer performs at Birmingham's NEC in 1988. (R) (S) (HD)

12.50 Boogie Fever: a TOTP2 Disco Special A trawl through the disco archives, featuring Gloria Gaynor, Kool and the Gang, Liquid Gold, Boney M and Village People. (R) (S) (HD)

**2.20–3.55am Tove** ★★★ Biographical drama about the creator of the Moomins, starring Alma Pöysti. Tove Jansson's wartime doodling about a land populated by cartoon creatures brings her to worldwide attention. Finnish, Swedish +subtitles. On iPlayer for 5 months. Director Zaida Bergroth (2020, 12) (W) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

### ITV1

The Voice UK 8.00pm The star

judges are joined by Luke Evans as the hopefuls sing for their survival



#### 4.00pm Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream Behind the Scenes

Zoe Ball introduces an access-all-areas look at the quest to find a new Sophie and Sky for the West End production of Mamma Mia!, featuring backstage footage, interviews and two unseen musical performances from the four finalists. Executive producers Judy Craymer, Ashley Whitehouse and Charlie Irwin (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 5.00 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 5.30 Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Fantasy adventure inspired by the book by JK Rowling, starring Eddie Redmayne and Katherine Waterston. Magizoologist Newt Scamander and his friends must capture an escaped magical menagerie before Manhattan wizardry is outlawed. Film of the Day: page 57. Newt Scamander Eddie Redmayne Mary Lou Barebone Samantha Morton
Porpentina Goldstein Seraphina Piquery
Katherine Waterston Madame Ya Zhou
Gemma Chan

Percival Graves Colin Farrell Grindelwald Jacob Kowalski Queenie Goldstein Ezra Miller Credence

Dan Fogler Lestrange Alison Sudol Modesty Barebone

Faith Wood-Blagrove Ron Perlman Chastity Barebone Jon Voight Red Jenn Murray Dan Hedaya Director David Yates (2016, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Johnny Depp

Zoë Kravitz

#### 8.00 The Voice UK

Henry Shaw Sr

**7/9** Series 12. Emma Willis presents the last of the blind auditions and the Callback stages as superstar coaches Tom Jones, will.i.am, Olly Murs and Anne-Marie face the difficult task of whittling down their teams from ten to three. The coaches will be joined by guest mentors Paloma Faith, Luke Évans, Jamie Cullum and Raye, as the hopefuls battle to remain in the running to win a recording contract, a luxury holiday in Mauritius and £50,000 in cash. Studio director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Leo Holden Repeated Friday 11.40pm (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 The 1% Club

6/8 Series 1. Lee Mack gives 100 contestants the chance to win big-money prizes by solving a succession of mind-bending logic problems, with a potential reward of £100,000 for those who can correctly answer a question that only one per cent of the country could get right. Exec producers Dean Nabarro, Andy Auerbach (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### **10.50 ITV News**

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.10 Bradley and Barney Walsh: **Breaking Dad**

In Switzerland, the father-and-son duo take in breathtaking views on a mountain rollercoaster. The following day, the pair head for the Contra Dam, where Bradley learns they are about to attempt a petrifying 220-metre bungee jump. Series producer Reshmi Bajnath (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.40 EFL Highlights

The best action from all three divisions of the EFL, including Leeds v Coventry and Ipswich Town v Norwich City in the Championship. Shown 9pm ITV4 Repeated tomorrow 12.15am (S) (HD)

1.00am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Inside M&S 2/2. Davina McCall pitches her own range to the lingerie team. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal** From the RAF Museum in north London. Shown last Wed (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

#### **Channel 4**

**Building the Billion Pound Cruise Ship** 

8 00nm Rehind the scenes of a mammoth project



4 7 in Wales

#### 3.10pm Deep Impact ★★★★

Sci-fi drama. A reporter discovers that the US government are hiding "Ele", an event so cataclysmic that it could destroy the planet. Available to stream for 30 days. Review p57. Robert Duvall Leo Biederman Elijah Wood Spurgeon Tanner Vanessa Redgrave Maximilian Schell Jenny Lerner Téa Leoni Robin Lerner President Tom Beck **Morgan Freeman** Jason Lerner Director Mimi Leder (1998 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

#### 5.30 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 A Very Royal Christmas: Sandringham Secrets

Archive footage and interviews with insiders including former staff provide an insight into the garish gifts, long-cherished customs and culinary secrets that define a royal Christmas. Executive producers Caroline Short and Will Smith Repeated Friday 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Five Star Christmas: inside Corinthia

A look at how the team at the London hotel prepare for their busiest time of year. Restaurateur Tom Kerridge launches a new festive menu showcasing carefully sourced British beef, but will it impress the VIP guests? Meanwhile, a global luxury brand has chosen the hotel as the venue for its staff Christmas party. Director/Producer Patrick Philips Repeated Wednesday 7pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Building the Billion Pound **Cruise Ship**

In France, engineers race to build one of the largest and most technologically advanced cruise ships in the world before almost 7,000 guests arrive for its maiden voyage. Working towards the strictest of deadlines, 42,000 tons of steel are cut and bent to form the vast hull of the natural gas-powered ship, and more than 2,500 cabins need to be pre-assembled and installed. Seven swimming pools are filled and public spaces are fitted out with dining areas, shops and bars, before 350 tons of food is brought on board. See page 50. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Saving Private Ryan ★★★★

Second World War drama. As the horror of the Normandy landings takes its toll, three brothers lie dead. Captain Miller is sent on a special mission in occupied France to bring home the fourth brother, Private Rvan - no matter what the cost. Review page 57.

Tom Hanks Private Jackson Barry Pepper Captain Miller Sergeant Horvath Tom Sizemore Private Mellish Adam Goldberg Edward Burns Private Caparzo Private Reiben Vin Diesel Private Rvan Matt Damon T/4 Medic Wade Giovanni Ribisi Director Steven Spielberg (1998, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Wednesday 9pm 4seven

12.15am Fight Club \*\*\*\*\* Satirical drama. Meeting by chance, a soap salesman and a frustrated office worker conceive the Fight Club, where disaffected young men can release their frustrations by beating each other up. Available to stream for 7 days. **Review page 57.** Brad Pitt Robert Paulsen Edward Norton Angel Face Jared Leto Narrator Maria Singer **Helena Bonham Carter** Chloe Director David Fincher (1999, 18) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Monday 10.35pm 4seven

2.40 Ramsav's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Visiting a restaurant in Sacramento, California. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 3.30 Hollvoaks Omnibus edition of the soap. Shown last Monday to Friday E4 (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.30 Strangers on a Plane** A vineyard visit. (R) (S) (HD)

**5.55–6.15am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas** Kirstie Allsopp creates an advent calendar with a twist. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Skv 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

#### BBC4

**Hidden Assets** 9.00pm Bibi Melnick finds herself the victim of a callous scheme



#### 7.00pm What's Your Thing? Egton Gooseberry Show. A competition to grow the biggest gooseberry.

The whole series is on iPlayer. Producer Jack Suddaby (R) (S) (HD)

Natural World captures the landscape of Iceland and the animals that live there Juliet Stevenson narrates Director Andrew Chastney; Series editor Roger Webb Repeated 1.30am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.10 Iceland: Land of Ice and Fire

#### 8.10 Shackleton's Cabin

Following Sven Habermann as he restores the ship's cabin in which explorer Frnest Shackleton died following a heart attack in 1922. Director Shane Brennan Producer Ciara Nic Chormaic (R) (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Hidden Assets

5/6 Series 2. As Claire and Christian close in on evidence connecting Trestford to the bombings, Frances Swann executes a plan to force Bibi to Antwerp, (S) (AD) (HD) 9.50 6/6. Claire and her team race to unmask those behind the bombings. English, Flemish +subtitles. A box set is on iPlayer. See page 50. (S) (AD) (HD) Claire Wallace Nora-Jane Noone Bibi Melnick Simone Kirby Wouter Hendrickx Christian De Jong Sean Prendergast Cathy Belton Norah Dillon James Melnick Charlie Carrick Vince Thiis Gilles de Schryver Kwaku Fortune Josh Ola Maya Albert

#### 10.45 Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV

A night of programmes featuring the comedian, beginning with sketches from a special edition of her 1980s show, including a look at the making of Acorn Antiques. With Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston, Maggie Steed and Susie Blake. See p51. Director/Producer Geoff Posner (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.30 Duncan Preston Remembers... Pat and Margaret

The actor looks back at Victoria Wood's 1994 comedy drama. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.40 Pat and Margaret

Comedy drama written by Victoria Wood. An American soap star visits Britain on a publicity tour, and is horrified to be reunited with her long-lost sister. From 1994. See p51. Margaret Mottershead Patricia Bedford Julie Walters Don Henderson Billy Stella Deborah Grant **Duncan Preston** Rella Lynda Rooke Jim's mum Thora Hird

Director Gavin Millar; Producer Ruth Caleb (R) (S) (HD) 1.05am Victoria Wood: a Personal View On tour with the writer and comedian. First broadcast in 1985. (R) (S) (HD)

1.30 Iceland: Land of Ice and Fire Shown 7:10pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
2.30-3.15am New series. Hope Street 1/15
Series 3. A detective strays into the middle of a

prison break. Continues tomorrow 2.25am. First shown on BBC1 Northern Ireland (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

4.30pm Sportscene Results **5.10–5.40** Landward: the best stories from the year **11.45** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: featuring Celtic v Hearts, Livingston v Kilmarnock and Ross County v Dundee **1.00am FILM:** Highlander 2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.55–6.00

#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

**7.00pm** The Seven **7.15** The Edit **7.30** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 8.45 Inside Central Station: the team starts work on cleaning up the station's disused Victorian platform **9.45** Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland 10.45 Scot Squad: PC McKelvie seeks advice 11.15-12 midnight Christmas at the Quav: with music by Wet Wet Wet Kyle Falconer and Bow Anderson

#### STV

**1.00–3.00am** Night Vision **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

#### **BBC1 WALES**

**1.15pm** Hairy Bikers: Namibian BBQ **1.30** Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas 2.30 FILM: Swallows and Amazons 4.00-4.30 Ghosts: the Christmas special from 2022

#### **BBC2 WALES**

**4.40pm** Chris and Michaela: under the Christmas Skv 5.40 Amy Dowden's Dare to Dance: Amy helps a rugby player fulfil her dancing dream **6.05–7.10** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

6.10pm Paula McIntyre's Hamely Kitchen: recipes include sausage rolls with carrot ketchup **6.40–7.10** Make It at Market: stone-carver Alex needs to overcome a confidence problem to fulfil his potential

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# **SATURDAY Freeview**

#### **Channel 5**





**Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes** 9.05pm Inside the world of the sitcom

5.35am Milkshake! See page 56 9.45 The Smurfs After a mishap, Clumsy and Dimwitty get into a fight. (R) (S) (HD) 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants Plankton tries to steal a secret formula, (R) (S) (HD)

10.10 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 10.15 Friends Series 10. Ross treats imself to a spray tan. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.40 It's Emma's first birthday. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**11.15 Driving Home for Christmas** ★★ Romantic drama. Two rival musicians Romantic drama. Two rival musicial are forced into a road trip together. Director Peter Sullivan (2019) (S) (W) (HD)

1.05pm One Royal Christmas ★★ Comedy drama. A woman shows a royal mother and son how Christmas is celebrated in her home town. Director Dustin Rikert (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

2.55 Christmas at Maple Farm ★★ Romance. A chance encounter with a handsome farmer shows a woman what may be missing from her life. Director Andrew Cymek (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

4.45pm 12 Dates of Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy starring Mallory Jensen. Rival event planners team

up to create a festive scavenger hunt. Director Gary Yates (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

6.30 5 News (S) (HD)

### 6.35 When Cruising Goes Horribly

Nicki Chapman narrates accounts of disasters at sea, including a 60,000-ton liner that crashed into a pier in Venice. Director/Producer Oliver Barber (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.05 The Yorkshire Vet at Christmas: It's a Wonderful Life

In this special edition, a dispirited Peter Wright meets his guardian angel, who explains how vital a role he plays in people's lives. Peter Davison quest-stars. Directors Adam Caldow, David Terry and Michael Postlethwaite (R) (S) (HD)

#### 9.05 New series. Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes

1/3. The comedian celebrates his comedy influences, starting with a homage to sitcoms. From Steptoe and Son and The Liver Birds to Gavin & Stacey and Absolutely Fabulous, Bradley explores the various secrets to sitcom success. Director Christian Watt (S) (HD)

#### 10.35 Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason ★★★

Romantic comedy sequel. Bridget discovers the seemingly perfect Mark Darcy has unattractive qualities she had overlooked. Review page 57. **Bridget Jones** Renée Zellwege Daniel Cleaver Hugh Grant Mark Darcy Colin Firth Jim Broadbent Bridget's dad Bridget's mum Director Beeban Kidron (2004, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.40am Criminals: Caught on Camera (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.05** Casino (S) (HD) **3.05** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.15** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15** The Funny Thing about Love and Sex (R) (S) (HD) **5.00** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) **5.25–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

BBC3



Gavin & Stacey 8.00pm The gang congregate in Essex for Christmas

#### 7.00pm EastEnders

Sonia and Reiss receive some good news. Shown last Wednesday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** Stacey acts on her suspicions. Shown last Thu BBC1 Cast Mon/Wed BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

The Welsh contingent arrives in Essex to spend the holiday with the Shipmans, in this 2008 Christmas edition. Everyone seems to be gripped by the festive spirit - until a startling announcement from Gavin and Stacey. More tomorrow 9pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Lost at Christmas ★★

Romantic comedy with Natalie Clark and Kenny Boyle. Strangers Jen and Rob are stranded in the Scottish Highlands before Christmas and team up to travel home to Glasgow, fighting a snowstorm along the way. On iPlayer for 15 days. Director Ryan Hendrick (2020, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 10.35 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

3/6 Series 9. Gaz goes to extreme lengths in a bid to secure Billy a trial for Runcorn Rovers, while Donna re-examines her life but struggles to resist being lured back into the corporate world. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 4/6. Donna trains Gaz to become a Paralympian, Billy agrees to a date with Cassie, and Tim struggles to adapt to his

new life. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.35 Gavin & Stacey As 8pm.

**12.35am** Such Brave Girls (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps (S) (AD) (HD) **3.40–3.55am** Pobl Bachyn (S) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2

**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular (S) (HD) **9.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.55** Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD) **11.55** Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special (S) (HD)

1.00pm Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream Shown last Sun ITV1 (S) (HD) **2.20** In for a Christmas Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05** Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special (S) (AD) (HD) **4.05 FILM**Stuart Little \*\*\* Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's children's story, starring Hugh Laurie (S) (W) (HD)

5.55pm FILM Nativity Rocks! ★ Comedy sequel starring Simon Lipkin and Craig Revel Horwood. St Bernadette's Primary School repares for its latest festive play. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM Shanghai Noon ★★★ Western action comedy starring Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson and Lucy Liu. When a runaway Chinese princess is held for ransom in the Wild West, a palace guard and an outlaw team up to rescue her. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **10.15 Family Guy** *Series 16.* Peter loses his Christmas spirit and is visited by ghosts of

Christmasses past, present and future. **10.45** Series 11. The Griffins prepare for the festive season by decorating their tree. 11.15 Series 18. Peter accidentally becomes the face of social justice. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 American Dad! Series 10. Stan makes a wish to become single. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.15am** Series 14. Stan is upset when Francine has a sexual dream about Jeff. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.45 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 1.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: regurgitating coins (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Law & Order: UK 11.00pm Ronnie and Matt hunt down a pair of gunmen

**6.00am** Never the Twain: David breaks bad news about the christening (s) **6.40** A Touch of Frost: *Series 3. Quarry.* A fox-hunt saboteur is murdered (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 8.50 Midsomer Murders: Series 8. Midsomer Rhapsody. A music manuscript holds the key to a murder; **10.55** Series 9. Dead Letters. A woman is found drowned during a local carnival; **1.00pm** *Vixen's Run.* A dead aristocrat's will goes missing; **3.00** *Down* among the Dead Men. The death of a blackmailer is investigated (S) (AD)

#### 5.00pm Midsomer Murders

Series 22. Happy Families. When the owners of a board-game company gather for a murder mystery weekend, the immersive experience takes a puzzling twist when a killer strikes for real. Adrian Edmondson, Caroline Quentin and Rachael Stirling guest-star.

7.00 The Stitcher Society. A local outcast, who was acquitted of murder years previously, joins a cardiac rehabilitation group. However, following his arrival, his fellow members' dreams of a second chance at life begin to be mysteriously cut short. Guest starring Keith Allen, John Thomson and Hannah Waddingham.

9.00 The Scarecrow Murders. Events at the annual Midsomer Scarecrow Festival take a grisly turn when bodies start appearing on poles next to the straw creations. Could it be that someone will do just about anything to win? David Yip and Simon Shepherd guest-star. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.00 Law & Order: UK

4/6 Series 5. Tick Tock. The start of a deadly gun rampage through the streets of London leaves two people dead. Matt and Ronnie hunt the duo responsible but it's claimed one of the suspects was more innocent victim than violent killer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Wycliffe: Series 3. Last Judgement A magistrate is found hanged (S) (SL) **1.10**Scott & Bailey: **3/3** Series 5. Janet's attempts to help Taisie result in a complaint (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 2.10-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

**6.00am** The Derby through the Years (S) (HD) **6.15** The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) **6.50** Extreme E: Electric Odyssey (S) (HD) **7.20** World Superbike Highlights (S) (HD) 8.25 The NFL Show (S) (HD) 9.30 New. Racing: the Opening Show: a preview from Cheltenham (S) (HD) **10.30** The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD) **11.45** Lost Car Rescue (S) (HD)

1.40pm The Car Years (S) (HD) 2.05 FILM The Shootist \*\*\*\* (S) (W) (HD) 4.10 FILM The Last Sunset ★★★ (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30pm River Monsters Tracking down a deadly fish in southern Africa. (S) (AD) (HD) 6.55 Junk and Disorderly A bid to break into the classic tractor market. (S) (HD) **8.00** Henry and Sam look to make a tidy profit on automobile memorabilia. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. EFL Highlights Including Ipswich Town v Norwich City. Rptd 11.40pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

10.35 FILM Rocky II \*\* Drama written, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa considers re-entering the ring for a return fight with Apollo Creed. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **1.00am** Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **2.00** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **2.25** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) 2.50-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Agatha Christie and the Curse of Ishtar 8.00pm A murder in Baghdad

**7.10am** The Brokenwood Mysteries: **4/6** Series 7. Mike. Kristin, and the team look into the murder of a farmers' market owner Repeated 1.30am (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Lovejoy: **7/13** Series 3. Lovejoy's daughter sells a sword; **10.00 8/13**. An antique rug brings intrigue; 11.00 9/13. The antiques dealer makes a bet with a vicar; 12 noon 10/13. The dealer's daughter goes missing; **1.00pm 11/13.** Golfers get their clubs out for Lovejoy (S) **2.00** Inspector George Gently: **3/4** Series 6 A murder in a Turkish baths appears to offer Bacchus a pleasingly straightforward case (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Father Brown: *6/15* Series 5 The Eagle and the Daw. An old foe tells the priest she has arranged the death of her former lover; **5.00** 7/15. The Smallest of Things. The sleuth investigates the macabre world of doll's house crime scenes (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm The Brokenwood Mysteries 5/6 Series 7. Exposed to the Light A fundraising evening at the Brokenwood Empire Cinema becomes fatal. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Agatha Christie and the Curse of Ishtar

This period drama begins in the winter of 1928, as young writer Agatha Christie travels to Baghdad and is caught in a web of murder and intrigue. Starring Lyndsey Marshal. See p50. (HD)

#### 10.00 The Missing

**3/8. The Meeting.** Back in 2006, an undercover police officer from Paris comes forward with possible information about Oliver. Meanwhile, in the present, Tony and Julien are relieved to see the case officially reopened. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.20 Rebus

4/4 Series 1. Mortal Causes. The Edinburgh detective investigates the murder of a notorious gangster's son. which may be linked to a spate of racist attacks in the city centre. (S)

1.30am The Brokenwood Mysteries Shown 7.10am (HD) **3.25–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: 6/14 Series 4. Tracey organises a meeting of the Prisoners' Wives Support Group (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

#### ITVBe

7.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD) 12 noon The Big Bake (S) (HD) 1.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries (S) (HD) 2.00

Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05**FILM Secret Santa Admirer ★★ Romance (S) (W) (HD) **5.00 FILM** A Model Christmas ★★ Romantic drama starring Ask Tsai. During a press tour, bad weather strands model Cali at the family home of her chauffeur (S) (W) (HD)

**6.55pm Dinner Date** In a special festive edition, Mimi is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date. (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 Jake from London selects three blind dates from five potential partners, (S) (HD) 9.00 FILM Working Girl ★★★★ Comedy starring Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver and Melanie Griffith. Brokerage secretary Tess McGill discovers her new boss Katharine Parker is taking the credit for one of her proposals. Seeing an opportunity to make a name for herself, Tess looks to broker Jack Trainer for help. **Review page 117.** (S) (W) (HD) **11.25 Bridezillas** Veronica's groom has

some life-altering news for her. (S) (HD) 12.25-12.55am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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## SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

### More4



**Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown** 11.05pm Bill Bailey is in the Corner

**8.55am** Food Unwrapped's Festive Feast (AD) **10.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 12 noon A Place in the Sun 1.00pm Location, Location, Location **2.00** Come Dine with Me: dinner parties in York

4.40pm Four in a Bed B&Bs in the New Forest, Lynton in Devon, Blackpool and Bournemouth take part in the competition. **7.25 Falklands War: the Untold Story** First shown to mark the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, this documentary looks at how victory in the war that transformed the fortunes of Margaret Thatcher and her government was almost undermined by a series of flaws in the British operation. (AD) 9.00 24 Hours in A&E Xintong, 28, arrives at St George's after being flung from a go-kart at speed. The medical team fear damage to her spine and order an urgent CT scan. (AD) **10.00** Jeremy, 71, arrives by air ambulance with a possible head injury after crashing his bicycle at high speed, while Allen, 82, fell down 12 steps during a dizzy spell. (AD) 11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts as Roisin Conaty and Asim

Chaudhry take on Jon Richardson and Josh Widdicombe. Bill Bailey is in Dictionary Corner. **12.10am** Jimmy Carr presents as Lee Mack and Joe Wilkinson take on Jon Richardson and Jessica Knappett in the comedy quiz.

1.15 24 Hours in A&E: double bill (AD)

3.20-3.50am A Place in the Sun: Laura Hamilton shows a couple apartments in Torrevieja, Spain

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### E4

**6.00am** Don't Tell the Bride **7.00** Don't Tell the Bride: Christmas in the Snow **8.00** Made in Chelsea **9.05** Celebrity Lego Masters at Christmas (SL) (AD) **10.10** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (AD) 11.05 Modern Family **1.05pm** Young Sheldon (AD) **3.30** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **4.55** The Great Christmas

Bake Off 2021: with the stars of It's a Sin (AD) **6.20pm FILM A Knight's Tale** ★★★★ Romantic period adventure starring Heath Ledger. In 14th-century Europe, William, a young commoner, poses as Sir Ulric of Liechtenstein, a knight. But can he change his lowly destiny by winning jousting tournaments, or will the evil Count Adhemar discover the deception before William can

discover the deception before William Can win the fair Lady Jocelyn's hand? (AD)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox Shows appraised from September 2021 include Changing Rooms and Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins. (AD)

10.00 Gogglebox Opinions on Mare of September 2021 include Changing National Control of Co Easttown and Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again. First shown in May 2021 (AD) **11.05** Shows reviewed from September 2021 include *Vigil*, *Ready to Mingle*, *Antiques* 

Roadshow and Beat the Chasers. (AD)

12.10am First Dates: double bill (SL) (AD) 2.15
Celebrity Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 3.10 Gogglebox (SL)
(AD) 4.05 Modern Family 4.55-6.00am How I
Met Your Mother: two episodes (AD)

**E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really

8.00 Antiques Road Trip 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper 1.00pm A Place in the Sun (AD) 3.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 4.00 Helicopter ER (AD) 8.00 Saving Lives at Sea 9.00 New. The Dead Files: a woman claims a paranormal presence killed her father 10.00 New. Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room 11.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 12 midnight Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 1.00am Ghost Adventures 2.00 Shopping 4.00-6.00am Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) Really Freeyiew 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virnin 128 Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**



The Rolling Stones: Grrr Live! 11.00pm A 2012 New Jersey show

**6.00am** André Rieu: Welcome to My World **7.00** Best of Portrait Artist of the Year **8.00** Chaplin: the Birth of the Tramp (AD) **9.15** The Vienna Christmas Concert from the Stephansdom 11.00 Christmas at the Castle 12.15pm The Legendary Bing Crosby (AD)
1.30 Discovering: Christmas Films 3.00
Classic Albums 4.00 Discovering: Tina Turner
4.30 Tina Turner: What's Love Live: the singer's concert in San Bernardino, California, which was part of her What's Love tour in 1993

6.45pm Pink Floyd: a Delicate Sound **of Thunder** An extravagant concert film from the musicians' A Momentary Lapse of Reason tour, recorded at New York's Nassau Coliseum in August 1988, using 27 cameras. **8.40 Classic Albums** Exploring Pink Floyd's huge-selling 1973 album The Dark Side of the Moon, featuring interviews with band members Roger Waters, Dave Gilmour, Richard Wright and Nick Mason.

9.40 Pink Floyd: the Story of Wish You Were Here Documentary telling the story behind the making of Pink Floyd's landmark 1975 album Wish You Were Here.

11.00 New. The Rolling Stones: Grrr Live! A 2012 concert by the band in New Jersey featuring appearances by Lady Gaga, John Mayer, the Black Keys and Bruce Springsteen. 2.00am New. Iggy Pop: Post Pop Depression – Live at the Royal Albert Hall: a 2016 concert 4.40 Dusty Springfield: Music Icons 5.10 Discovering: Cher (AD) 5.35–6.00am Discovering: Blondie

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven

9.00am George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure (AD) 10.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: Winter World Tour (AD) 11.00 Amazing Spaces Winter Wonderland (AD) 12 noon Kirstie's Handmade Christmas: making baubles (AD) 3.00pm A Place in the Sun

**8.00pm Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two sets of first-time buyers in Manchester. **9.00 Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets Mike and Sarah, a couple planning to build a 21st-century version of a historic longhouse on their smallholding in Derbyshire. (AD) **10.00 Ben Elton Live** After spending more than 15 years away from the world of stand-up comedy, Ben Elton returns to the stage at the Palace Theatre in Southend-on-Sea for a stand-up special recorded in 2022.

Shown yesterday Channel 4

11.35 24 Hours in A&E Leslie, who is aged 75, fell out of bed and may have suffered a stroke. The doctors in resus have a brief window of time in which to administer a life-saving, clot-busting drug. (AD)

T2.40am Celebrity Gogglebox (AD) 1.45 Miriam's Dickensian Christmas: Miriam Margolyes hosts a traditional Christmas party (AD) 2.50 Inside KFC at Christmas (AD) 3.50-4.50am Building the Billion Pound Cruise Ship (AD)

**4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest



**6.00am** Massive Engineering Mistakes **7.00** Mega Shippers **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **2.00pm** The Repair Shop **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Drive It 6.00 Richard Hammond's Workshop 8.00 Who Do You Think You Are?: Silent Witness star Liz Carr traces her family tree 9.00 The Repair Shop: Janine Savage hopes wood aficionado Will Kirk can transform a very special dolls house, custom made for her by her grandfather **10.00** The Hotel Inspector: Alex Polizzi is called to a troubled hotel in Exeter 11.00 Mysteries of the Deep

12 midnight Valley of the Kings: the Lost Tombs
2.00am Border Control Sweden 3.00 Destroyed in Seconds 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





**Great Continental Railway Journeys** 4.00pm Michael Portillo leaves Genoa

**6.10am** Underground Worlds **8.00** Bangers and Cash: triple bill (AD) **11.00** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD)

**1.00pm** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **4.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo travels from Rotterdam to Utrecht, including a visit to the world's largest flower auction.
7.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics

Dave alerts the team to a 1979 Lotus Esprit S3, It's an expensive buy and a serious risk,

but also a thoroughbred classic.

8.00 The Restoring Classics team breathes new life into an MG Montego Turbo.

9.00 The team takes on the restoration of a 1992 Vauxhall Nova Merit Plus. (AD) 10.00 One Foot in the Grave A persistent door-to-door salesman makes grouchy Victor Meldrew see red.

10.40 The Meldrews set off for a seaside break which turns out to be sheer hell.

11.20 Victor suffers a sleepless night – and naturally ensures the eternally put-upon

Margaret shares in his suffering.

12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00–

3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



**7.10am** Mega Air **8.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **8.30** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy **9.00** Railroad Australia

**12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Australian Ninja Warrior **4.00** Soapbox Race

6.00pm Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone **Fishing** Bob and Paul head to Norfolk at the start of the coarse fishing season. (AD) **6.40** Bob and Paul meet the founders of a charity that offers angling as therapeutic respite for people with cancer.
7.20 Paul and Bob are on the River Severn in Worcestershire to fish for zander. (AD) **8.00 QI XL** With guests Rob Brydon, Sandi Toksvig and Fred MacAulay.

9.00 QI Sandi Toksvig quizzes Alan Davies,
Gyles Brandreth, Susan Calman and Jessica

Fostekew on a few revolutionary ideas. **9.40 FILM Harry Brown** ★★★ Revenge thriller starring Michael Caine. When his best friend is murdered, retired marine Harry Brown decides it's time to mete out some old-school justice and reclaim the streets. (W) **11.55 Not Going Out** 6/6 Series 11. Lee is not

happy that Lucy has booked panto tickets. 12.55am QI 2.10 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 3.00-4.00am Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### **Sky Mix**



**6.00am** Nothing to Declare (AD) **11.00** UK Border Force (AD) **12 noon** Road Wars **1.00pm** Highway Cops (AD) **2.00** A Wild Year on Earth (AD) **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00** Amazing Animal Friends **5.00** Nature's Fast Attacks: featuring some of the the world's deadliest predators (AD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure: the greatest filming sequences of David Attenborough's career (AD) **7.00** Caught on Dashcam: double bill **9.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) 10.00 The Force: North East: the case of a man who has barricaded himself in his house **11.00 FILM** Oldboy ★★★★ Action thriller starring Choi Min-sik. Korean +subtitles (W) **1.00am** Night Cops (AD) **2.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line: four back-to-back editions (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am Murder, She Wrote: nine episodes (AD) **9.00am** Murder, she Wrote Series 6 **6.00pm** Murder, She Wrote Series 6
Triple bill. Cabot Cove's new priest takes a murderer's confession and asks Jessica to help him uncover the truth **7.00** Jessica reminisces about an old mystery 8.00 A property developer is murdered (AD) **9.00**War of the Worlds *Series* 3. Triple bill. Catherine discovers that she can travel to another world **10.05** Tom grapples with a betrayal and encounters a familiar face **11.10** A deadly face-off leads to a life-threatening moment 12.10am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11 Double bill. A rape victim refuses to talk, then an ex-financier's girlfriend is murdered **2.00** Murder, She Wrote **3.55–4.00am** Entertainment News

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 FILM The Christmas Lottery ★★ 9.55 FILM Ever After: a Cinderella Story ★★★★ Romantic fantasy starring Drew Barrymore **12.20pm FILM** What Women Want \*\*\* Romantic comedy starring Mel Gibson **2.55 FILM**50 First Dates \*\*\* Romantic comedy **4.50** FILM Never Been Kissed ★★★ Romcom 6.55pm FILM Labyrinth ★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly. A girl has 13 hours to solve the mystery of the Labyrinth and save her baby brother from becoming a goblin for ever. **9.00 FILM Dirty Dancing** ★★★★ Romantic drama starring Jennifer Grey and Patrick
Swayze. Frances "Baby" Houseman arrives at
a mountain resort hotel with her family in 1963,
where she learns the art of "dirty dancing".

11.05 FILM Primal Fear \*\*\* Courtroom
thriller starring Richard Gere. A lawyer takes
on the seemingly unwinnable case of an alter on the seemingly unwinnable case of an altar boy accused of murdering an archbishop. 1.45am Lawless Britain: Caught on Camera 2.45–3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action



9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 Trucking Hell: double bill 11.15 Police Interceptors 3.15pm FILM The Horse Soldiers ★★★ Civil War drama starring John Wayne, William Holden and Constance Towers **5.45 FILM** Battle of the Bulge ★★★★ Second World War action drama starring Henry Fonda and Robert Shaw. An American officer becomes convinced that German forces will attempt a counter-attack, but his theory fails to impress his superiors. 9.00 FILM Lock Up \*\* Prison drama starring Sylvester Stallone and Donald Sutherland. Convict Frank Leone finds himself at the mercy of sadistic old adversary Warden Drumgoole, who runs a cruelly corrupt jail. 11.10 FILM True Grit \*\*\*\* Remake of the John Wayne western, starring Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon. When farmer Frank Ross is murdered by a hired hand, his teenage daughter Mattie decides to take the matter in hand and find a man with "true grit" to bring the killer to justice. **1.25am** Outback Truckers **2.25–3.00am** Winter Road Rescue: storms drive lorries off the road 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.10 FILM** A Very Merry Bridesmaid ★★ Romantic drama **11.00** Buried Secrets of WWII **5.00pm** D-Day: Secret Raids That Won the War **6.30pm The Flying Scotsman: Pride of Britain** Rob Bell charts the history of the world's most famous steam locomotive.

8.00 Countdown to Disaster The lead-up to the White Island Eruption in New Zealand. 9.00 Sunken Warships: Secrets from the **Deep** A look at the Nazi Battleship *Scharnhorst*. **10.00 The Lost Ships: the Hunt for the Kaiser's Superfleet** The story of a search for a missing fleet of German warships. **11.00 Memphis Belle in Colour** Exploring one of the most famous aircraft in history. **12 midnight** Battle of Midway: the True Story: how the battle made victory in the Pacific possible **1.00–3.00am** World War II in Colour (AD) Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FE 313

# SATURDAY Freeview & films



Miranda 7.30pm The shop owner makes a big decision

6.10am The Bill 11.00 Celebrity Tipping Point **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **2.00 FILM** My Christmas Inn ★★ Seasonal romance (W) 4.10 My Family (AD)

6.05pm My Family Ben crosses swords with a jeweller when he tries to return a necklace. (AD)

7.30 Miranda Miranda has to choose between two proposals. (AD) **8.10** The shopkeeper makes a final attempt to find happiness. (AD)

9.00 Gavin & Stacey The newlyweds argue while on a night out at the bowling alley. **9.40** Bryn attempts to organise surprise for Gwen's birthday. **10.20** The newlyweds begin leading separate lives. (AD)

11.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Dangerous Pets Louis encounters wild animals being kept by homeowners in America. (AD)

12 midnight Louis Theroux: hooting Joe Exotic (AD) 2.00am Inside the Ambulance 2.25–3.00am My Family (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### HGTV

7.00am Escape to the Country 11.00 My Lottery Dream Home 3.00pm A Place in the Sun 8.00 Escape to the Country: four editions. A couple search for their dream home in rural Oxfordshire on a budget of up to £1 million 9.00 Jules Hudson helps a couple from Essex look for a cottage in Cornwall **10.00** A couple with a £600,000 budget search for a property in north Wales 11.00 Jules Hudson helps a recently retired couple who are keen to move to the Cornwall countryside so that they can be closer to their daughter and her family

12 midnight Home Town: Ben's
Workshop 1.00am Revealed 2.00 Escape to the Country: in Oxfordshire

3.00–4.00am A Place in the Sun HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

#### **London Live**

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 Revolution in Colour 8.00 The Real Eastenders 9.00 F2: Tackling Furone 10.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **10.45** London Districts **11.00** My Greek Odyssey 12 noon The Sandbaggers 1.00pm FILM It's a Grand Life ★★ (BW) 3.10 FILM Antony and Cleopatra \* \* \* 6.10 A Foreign Field 8.00 New series. The Bizarre Pet Vets: documentary **9.00** Boycie in Belgrade **10.45 FILM** Keep the Aspidistra Flying ★★★ 12.55am Stories from the Blitz 2.30 London Districts 3.00 Never the Twain 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159 FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



**Jamie's Family Christmas** 8.30pm A succulent turkey

6.00am Guy's Ranch Kitchen 7.00 Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdov 8.00 Buddy vs Christmas 10.00 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** The Hairy Bakers' Christmas Special (AD)

2.00 The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook **3.00** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best (AD) **4.00** The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party (AD) **5.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **6.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: five editions **8.30** Jamie's Family Christmas: five editions. The chef prepares the perfect turkey 9.00 Roasted squash, seared beef carpaccio salad and American-style pancakes. 9.30 Gennaro Contaldo helps the chef prepare vegetables 10.00 Alternatives to traditional Christmas desserts 10.30 Tips on how to prepare food in advance or snacks that guests can make during a party **11.00 New.** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: Sophie Flay brings in competitors to test her dad Bobby in a brunch battle 12 midnight Christmas at Bobby's 1.00am Guy's Big Bite 2.00–3.00am Ultimate Gingerbread House

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

#### **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 1.00pm FILM A Taste of Christmas ★★ **2.50** Movie News **3.00 FILM** My Christmas Love ★★★ **4.50** Movie News 5.00 FILM Mr Christmas ★★ Drama 6.50 Movie News 7.00 **FILM** Christmas Connection ★★ Drama **8.50** Movie News **9.00** An Emma Fielding Mystery: Site Unseen **10.50** Concrete Evidence: A Fixer Upper Mystery 12.40am Castle 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News **Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 12 noon Something's Killing Me: double bill. Kyle Lewis is initially diagnosed with meningitis, but it soon becomes clear it is something else, then doctors investigate the mysterious cause of death of neurologist Dr Autumn Klein 2.00pm Medical Detectives 5.00 Judge Judy **12.30am** World's Most Unexplained... **1.00** The Day I Should Have Died **4.00** Something's Killing Me 5.30-6.00am Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

#### **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172 BBC Parliament 232

**6.00am** Westminster Hall **11.00** PMQs **11.35** Scottish FMQs **12.20pm** Welsh FMQs **1.20** House of Commons **1.55** House of Lords **2.30** Scottish Parliament **3.30** Senedd Cymru **4.30** House of Lords **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** PMQs 12.35am Scottish FMQs 1.20 Welsh FMQs 2.20 House of Commons 2.55 House of Lords 3.30 Scottish Parliament 4.30-6.00am House of Lords

**BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America 84



The World after Stonehenge 5.05pm Neil Oliver presents

6.00am Asteroid Rush 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** The World after Stonehenge **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti 1.40 Asteroid Rush **4.00** Niagara Falls

5.05pm The World after Stonehenge 1/4. Neil Oliver explores the origins of Britain. **6.15 2/4.** The age of Celtic Britain - a time of warriors, druids and kings of unimaginable wealth. 7.20 3/4. Neil Oliver charts the battles that marked the beginning of Roman Britain. 8.30 4/4. Digging beneath a tower block and investigating the remains of a woman who lived in York 1,800 years ago.

9.40 Asteroid Rush 1/2. The science behind the film Don't Look Up. 10.50 2/2. How potentially dangerous asteroids are identified and a look at the development of collision avoidance strategies.

12 midnight Niagara Falls 1.10am Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** Niagara Falls **2.40** Asteroid Rush **4.35–6.00am** Niagara Falls

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Cities of the Underworld 8.00 The Proof Is Out There 9.00 Best of Monsterquest 10.00 Pawn Stars **12 noon** Container Wars 2.00pm Ancient Aliens 8.00 Battle of Alcatraz: how an escape plan was orchestrated by five inmates in 1946 9.00 The Invisibles: Hunting Narcos: journalist Jeremy McDermott looks to track down the elusive Memo Fantasma 10.00 New. Cops Uncensored: double bill. Police are forced to retrieve their own vehicle, then an officer has a miraculous escape when a car crashes into him during a traffic stop 11.00 New. Homicide: Hours to Kill: the case of a a church-going businessman shot dead in his home 1.00am Haunted Hospitals 2.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

#### Challenge

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

7.00am The Chase 9.00 Through the Keyhole: celebrity panellists put their heads together to identify the homes of the rich and famous 10.00 Supermarket Sweep 11.00 All Star Family Fortunes: three editions. Actress Sheree Murphy and TOWIE star James Argent team up with their families in a bid to win up to £30,000 for charity **11.40** Actress Samantha Womack and McFly's Tom Fletcher take part 12.20pm With Diarmuid Gavin and Gemma Merna 1.00pm Cash Trapped (AD) 2.00 Tenable: quiz hosted by Warwick Davis 6.00 The Chase 9.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: Alastair Stewart, Natasha Hamilton, Kim Woodburn and Keith Chegwin take on one of the Chasers 10.00 The Chase 11.00 Bullseye: ten back-to-back editions (AD)
4.00-6.00am The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

# CHILDREN'S FILMS

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patro 6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Sesame Street Mecha Builders 6.40 Pirata & Capitano 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.15 Peppa Pig 7.30 Peppa Pig Christmas Special 7.45 Paw Patrol 7.55 The Adventures of Paddington 8.15 Mixmups 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 New. Pop Paper City 9.00 New Meat the Fyents: Millie 5.35am Pin and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol City **9.00 New.** Meet the Experts: Millie talks about performing in a signing choir **9.10** Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.20-9.45am New. Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p54

#### **CBeebies**

**6.00am** Baby Jake **6.10** Twirlywoos **6.25** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.40** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.35** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit **8.15** Octonauts: .letters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.25 Chuggington 8.35 Bitz & Bob 8.50 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 9.20 Bluey 9.35 Hey Duggee 9.50 Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His Amazing Friends 10.25 The Gruffalo's Child: sequel to the hugely successful animated adaptation of *The Gruffalo*. The Gruffalo's daughter sets off in search of the big had mouse off in search of the big, bad mouse 10.50 A CBeebies Christmas Carol 11.30 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 11.45 Numberblocks 11.50 Dog Squad 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.15pm I Can Do It, You Can Too 12.25 Hey Duggee 12.40 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go
Jetters 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO
1.50 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and
Fruits 2.00 Something Special: We're
All Friends 2.25 I Can Do It, You Can
Too 2.40 Molly and Mack 2.50
Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake 3.10
Supertato 3.15 JoJo & Gran Gran
3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.40
GiggleQuiz 3.55 Musical Storyland
4.05 Magic Hands 4.15 Qiap Da Polga 4.05 Magic Hands 4.15 Olga Da Polga 4.30 Supertato 4.35 Bluey 4.45 Andy and the Band: Songs 5.15 Topsy and Tim's Christmas Eve 5.30 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Sarah & Duck 5.50 Charlie and Lola 6.00 Tee and Mo 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50–7.00pm Bedtime Stories CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC **7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.25** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.25 bennis & ohasner Unleasned: 7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Ninja Express 8.10 Odd Squad 8.20 Oswaldo 8.30 Ooglies 8.40 Pokémon: XY 9.00 New. Saturday Mash-Up! 11.30 New. Saturday mash op: 11.30 Bite Peter 12 noon Home Sweet Rome 12.25pm Grizzy and the Lemmings 12.35 Dragons: the Nine Realms 1.20 Total Dramarama 1.40 So Awkward 2.35 Malory Towers 3.00 The Football Academy **3.30** Jamie Johnson FC **4.00** Bro's in Control **4.15** Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures: Bella and George are surprised to receive a strange parcel containing a baby named Zagazoo **4.40** The Deep **5.05** Dragons: Defenders of Berk **5.25–7.00pm** Pokémon the Movie: Volcanion and the Mechanical Marvel

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

**6.00am** DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Looney Tunes Cartoons **6.40** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.35–9.00am** Scooby-Doo! Pirates Ahoy: the gang cruises through the Bermuda Triangle, encountering ghostly pirates searching for treasure

#### **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat: Pat delivers a strange parcel 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### Film4

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11.00am Rat Race ★★★ Silly but fun road-race movie packed with gags and celebrities. Whoopi Goldberg, John Cleese, Cuba Gooding Jr (2001, 12) (S) (AD)

1.25pm Oliver! ★★★★ Mark Lester leads this fantastic musical based on Lionel Bart's triumphant stage production of the Dickens classic. Ron Moody, Oliver Reed (1968, U) (S) (AD)

#### 4.20 Bumblebee \*\*\*

Entertaining spin-off from the *Transformers* sci-fi action franchise that sees the lovable alien robot befriend a teenage girl. Hailee Steinfeld, John Cena, Dylan O'Brien (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

6.35pm Sahara ★★★ Fun if occasionally baffling action adventure with Matthew McConaughey on the trail of a long-lost battleship. (2005, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Kingsman: the Golden **Circle** ★★★ The Kingsman spies must team up with their American counterparts in this pacey action adventure. Taron Egerton, Colin Firth, Julianne Moore (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

11.45 My Heart Can't Beat Unless You Tell It To ★★★ Two siblings must commit murder in order to harvest the blood that keeps their ailing brother alive. Patrick Fugit, Owen Campbell (2020, 15) (S) (AD)

1.30-3.55am Bram Stoker's **Dracula** ★★★★ Romantic, eerie version of the classic horror tale with a typically intense central performance from Gary Oldman. Winona Ryder, Anthony Hopkins (1992, 18) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Return of a Stranger ★★

Creaky but engaging crime drama. Griffith Jones (1937, U) (S) **7.25 Park Plaza 605** ★★ A private eye finds himself embroiled in smuggling and murder. Tom Conway (1953. PG) (S) 9.00 Saturday Morning Pictures Classic serials, plus The Dog and the Diamonds (1953). (S) 12 noon Devil Girl from Mars ★★ British sci-fi movie with cult appeal. Hugh McDermott, Hazel Court, Patricia Laffan (1954, U) (S) 1.35pm A Dav of One's Own 1956 Documentar 2.00 The Outer Limits TV sci-fi drama. (S) 3.00 Fireball XL5 TV sci-fi. 3.35 The Devil's Disciple ★★ Starry but stodgy adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's comedy of apostasy and mistaken identity in olonial America, Burt Lancaster (1959, U) (S) 5.15 North West Frontier ★★★ Kenneth More gives an assured performance as a soldier entrusted with the safety of a Hindu prince in this cracking adventure. (1959, U) 8.00 Maigret TV detective series

starring Rupert Davies. (S) **9.00 The Gold Robbers** TV crime drama with Peter Vaughan. (S) 10.05 Villain ★★★ Menacing crime drama with Richard Burton as a vicious London gangster. Review p77, Ian McShane (1971, 18) (S)

12.05am The Diamond Wizard ★★ Deeply mediocre crime drama with Dennis O'Keefe as a US detective who teams up with British bobby Philip Friend. (1954) (S) **1.45 Spanish Fly** ★★ British sex farce with Leslie Phillips and

Terry-Thomas. Graham Armitage (1975, 15) 3.30 The Perfect Woman ★★

Meandering comedy about a couple of dumb aliens sent to Earth to find their king a consort. Fred Willard (1981) (S) 5.10-6.00am Calling All Cars Comedy documentary. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am Christmas at Holly Lodge ★★ The hotel with a lot of heart. Alison Sweeney (2017) 10.55 Snowbound for Christmas ★★ Snowed in with the new boss. Zarrin Darnell-Martin, Henderson Wade (2019) **12.45pm Run to Me** ★★ Melodramatic thriller, Claire Forlani (2016) 2.50 Paul Blart: Mall Cop ★★ Fitfully funny comedy. Kevin James (2009, PG) 4.45 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 ★★ Kevin James returns as the amiable security guard. (2015, PG)

6.50pm Eddie the Eagle Taron Egerton stars as British ski-jumping underdog Eddie "The

Eagle" Edwards, Hugh Jackman (2016, PG) 9.00 The Expendables 2 ★★★ Old action stars deliver nonstop mayhem in this entertaining seguel. Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham (2012, 15)

11.15 Faster ★★ Thriller that delivers plenty of action but takes itself too seriously. Dwayne Johnson (2010, 15)

1.10am The Stepfather ★★ Lacklustre horror thriller. Dylan Walsh (2009, 15) **3.20** Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: Honeymoon, Honeymurder **Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** 

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Ambush at Tomahawk Gap ★★ On the trail of lost loot. John Hodiak (1953) 9.30 Massacre Canyon ★★ The Apache want those rifles. Phil Carey (1954, U) 10.50 The Desperadoes \*\* Can outlaw Glenn Ford escape his past? (1943, U) **12.35pm Indian Uprising** ★ Settlers-vs-natives western. George Montgomery, Audrey Long (1951. U) 2.00 The Man from Colorado ★★★ Insightful psychological western. Glenn Ford, William Holden (1948, PG) 4.00 Man in the Saddle \*\*\* A deadly feud for rancher Randolph

5.50 Brave Warrior ★★ Brisk western, Jon Hall, Jay Silverheels (1952, U) 7.25pm Ride Lonesome ★★★★

Scott, Joan Leslie, Alexander Knox (1951, PG)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

Brilliantly scripted western starring Randolph Scott as a bounty hunter chasing a young killer. (1959, 12) 9.00 Born to Raise Hell ★★

Steven Seagal revenge thriller. (2010, 18) 10.55 Contract to Kill ★ Action nonsense with Steven Seagal. (2016, 15) 12.50am Black Butterfly ★★

Derivative thriller. Antonio Banderas (2017, 15) **2.40–5.00am** Battle Honours Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)

#### F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324 Great Movies 52

**Christmas** 

8.00am Finding Father Christmas ★★ The dad she never met. Erin Krakow (2016) 10.00 A Family for the Holidays \*\* A family secret brings heartache. Erin Krakow (2017) 12 noon Christmas Hero ★★ He wants to see his daughter, Anna Hutchison (2016) 2.00pm Deck the Heart ★★ We all need some festive sparkle. Ashlev Brinkman (2021) 4.00 An Unexpected Christmas ★★ Newlyweds keep news secret. Susie Abromeit (2016) 6.00pm Christmas Next Door

★★ Festive opposites attract. (2017) 8.00 Christmas in the Air \*> An executive and a toy maker find love. Catherine Bell, Eric Close (2017)

**10.00 Christmas Connection** ★★ A flight attendant is stranded in a small town, Brooke Burns (2017)

12 midnight Coming Home for Christmas ★★ Sweet and corn family drama. Carly McKillip (2013, U) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am
The Christmas Cure ★★ Home is where the heart is. Brooke Nevin (2017)

**Great Movies Christmas Freeview** 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### **Sky Premiere**

**6.10am** Sky Cinema Preview **6.35 The Unlikely Pilgrimage** of Harold Fry ★★★ Gentle British drama. Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton (2023, 12) **8.35** As 5.45pm **10.10** As 4.00pm **11.45** As 9.30pm **1.45pm** As 7.15pm **4.00 Genie** ★★★ Perfectly cheesy festive comedy with Melissa McCarthy as a magical being. Paapa Essiedu (2023, PG) 5.45pm Mummies ★★★ Cartoon fun about two Egyptian mummies in modern-day London (2023 II) 7.15 Shazam! Fury of the Gods

★★★★ A superhero and his friends face a trio of vengeful goddesses. Review p47. Zachary Levi, Asher Angel (2023, 12) 9.30 ☐ The Machine ★★

Good-natured action comedy based very loosely on a true story. Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill, Jimmy Tatro (2023, 15)

11.30 Beau Is Afraid ★★★★ Wickedly funny black comedy. Joaquin Phoenix, Patti LuPone (2023, 15)

2.40am May December \*\*\* Provocative melodrama from director Todd Haynes, Natalie Portmai (2023, 15) 4.45 Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett \*\* Lacklustre biopic with Gabriel Byrne. (2023, 12) **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

7.00am World's Most Unexplained.. 8.00 An Eye for an Eye \*\* Laboured western, Robert Lansing Pat Wayne (1966) **10.00** The Six Million Dollar Man: five episodes 3.00pm Incident at Phantom Hill \*\* Watchable if unspectacular western. Robert Fuller (1966, PG) **4.45 Gunsmoke:** To the Last Man ★★ Predictable TV movie spin-off of the classic western series, James Arness (1992, 15)

6.35pm Gunsmoke: the Long Ride ★★ Fourth reunion movie based on the TV western. (1993, 15)

8.30 The Twilight Zone TV sci-fi. Shia LaBeouf plays a US Marine struggling to cope in the wake of his combat experiences. (2015, 15)

10.50 Last Passenger ★★★ Low budget thriller starring Dougray Scott as a man on a runaway train hurtling towards Hastings. (2013, 15) 12.45am Stake Land ★★★ Gritty horror about a vampire hunter.

Nick Damici, Connor Paolo, Kelly McGillis (2010, 15) 2.40-4.30am The Midnight Man ★★ Occasionally menacing horror. Gabrielle Haugh, Lin Shaye, Robert Englund (2016, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

#### Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Meteor Moon ★ Plodding sci-fi mockbuster in which a large chunk of the Moon hurtles towards Earth. Dominique Swain, Michael Broderick (2020) 10.00 The Curse of King Tut's Tomb: TV adventure with Casper Van Dien 2.00pm Mega Shark vs Kolossus ★★ Entertainingly wacky sci-fi sequel in which a newly awakened Mega Shark trades blows with a Russian-made robot. Illeana Douglas (2015) 4.00pm Andromeda Five episodes of the TV sci-fi series. 9.00 Soldier Blue ★★★ Controversial and extremely violent

western drama that re-creates the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864. Candice Bergen, Peter Strauss, Donald Pleasence (1970, 18) 11.15 Lifechanger ★★★ Intriguing

take on the bodysnatcher genre as a tormented shapeshifter tries to reconnect with a former love. Bill Oberst Jr, Lora Burke, Jack Foley (2018, 15) 1.00-3.00am Hellbound:

**Hellraiser II** ★★ Gory sequel to Clive Barker's inventive horror in which Ashley Laurence fights demons for her father's soul. (1988, 18) Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

a collision course with Earth in this disaster movie, which highlights the human side of

# FILM REVIEWS



OF THE DAY

#### **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find** Them \*\*\*\* 5.30-8.00pm ITV1

**ADVENTURE** The first in the preguel series in JK Rowling's Wizarding World franchise takes us back before the time of Harry Potter to the 1920s. Eddie Redmayne stars as Newt Scamander, who arrives in New York City with a menagerie of magical creatures hidden in his bottomless suitcase. However, mayhem ensues when a few of the beasts escape. Potterverse veteran David Yates returns to direct this splendid escapist romp that brings fantasy wonderment to Rowling's tale, creating a firm foundation for the subsequent episodes. ALAN JONES (UK/US 2016, edited for violence, HD)

#### The Ipcress File ★★★★ 1.00-2.45pm **BBC2**

THRILLER Pitched as a less-glamorous alternative to the James Bond movies, this adaptation of Len Deighton's spy story concerns KGB operatives in the British secret service. The virtually unknown Michael Caine made the role of Harry Palmer his own, cocking a snook at his superiors while talking Bermondsey and wearing those trademark horn-rimmed specs. ADRIAN TURNER (UK 1965, some swearing, HD)

#### Swallows and Amazons \*\*\*

2.00-3.30pm **BBC1** (starts 2.30pm in Wales)

**ADVENTURE** Arthur Ransome's classic Lake District story gets a fresh screen adaptation that bumps up the action for modern audiences. In this version, the plucky Walker children are not only tussling with a rival sailboat crew but also a travel writer (Rafe Spall) and the foreign spies out to apprehend him. TREVOR JOHNSTON (UK 2016 HD)

#### Deep Impact ★★★★ 3.10-5.30pm **C4**

SCI-FI A huge comet is on

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the catastrophe as much as the destruction. Reporter Téa Leoni stumbles on the story, while Robert Duvall leads a space mission to intercept the threat, leaving it to US president Morgan Freeman to reassure a panicked world. AJ (US 1998) edited for language, violence, HD)

#### The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★

7.10-9.05pm **BBC2** 

**COMEDY DRAMA** This feel-good tale sees British pensioners lured to India by the promise of cheap luxury. While their hotel turns out to be a dump, the location itself soon works its magic on the visitors. The film is beautifully played by a host of national treasures including Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Bill Nighy. The sequel is showing tomorrow - see page 67. AJ (US 2011, edited for content, HD)

#### Saving Private Ryan \*\*\*

9.00pm-12.15am C4

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WAR Steven Spielberg's film opens with a stunning, brutal re-creation of D-Day, with the director evoking the terrifying chaos of the encounter. Away from the fighting, the action sometimes lapses into combat-picture cliché, but the central story about a rescue mission is slickly

mounted and strongly acted by a cast headed by Tom Hanks. DAVID PARKINSON (US 1998, violence, swearing, HD)

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#### **Bridget Jones: the Edge** of Reason $\star\star\star$

10.35pm-12.40am C5

**ROMCOM** This first seguel to Bridget Jones's Diary doesn't mess with a winning formula. Bridget (Renée Zellweger) is now with Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), but, after they fall out, she heads to Thailand with caddish Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant). The characterisations are excellent, although the script rehashes lots of jokes from the original. BRIAN PENDREIGH (UK/US/Fr/Ire 2004, swearing, drug abuse, sex scenes, HD)

#### Highlander ★★★

11.45pm-1.35am BBC1 (starts 1.00am in Scotland) 15

FANTASY So confused as to be hilariously watchable, this 1980s cult favourite wavers between sci-fi movie, horror and music video. Christopher Lambert is the 16th-century Scottish clansman who is schooled into being an immortal swordsman by Sean Connery, before battling an evil rival (Clancy Brown). TOM HUTCHINSON (US/UK 1986, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

#### Fight Club

12.15-2.40am C4

SATIRE Chuck Palahniuk's novel is boldly adapted for the screen by director David Fincher. The result is a shocking and amusing macho fantasy, in which insomniac Edward Norton and soap salesman Brad Pitt form a fight club as an outlet for their aggression. AJ (US 1999, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

#### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ★★★

12 noon-2.00pm Sky Greats Johnny Depp stars. (2005, PG) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

#### Farmageddon ★★★★

5.40-7.15pm Sky Animation Shaun the sheep is back. (2019, U) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

**Bullet Train** ★★★ 8.00-10.10pm **Sky Best of 2023** Fun action comedy. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



# SATURDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



Love Actually 9.00pm David finds himself drawn to Natalie

6.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **8.00** The Very Small Creatures a Very Small Christmas **8.05** Where's Wally **8.30** Isadora Moon **9.00** Dr Seuss' The Grinch Musical! (AD) **10.30** The Simpsons **11.30 LIVE** Women's Super League Football: Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal (kick-off 12.00) 3.00pm Soccer Saturday **5.00 FILM** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ★★★ Fantasy based on the classic children's book by Roald Dahl, starring Gene Wilder (W)

7.00pm Christmas at the Movies 1/2. Tom Hanks is among the cast of celebrities talking about their favourite festive films. 8.00 2/2 More beloved festive films and seasonal specials.

9.00 Love Actually ★★★ Romantic comedy starring Hugh Grant. In London, during the weeks leading up to Christmas, people from various walks of life suffer the emotional highs and lows of being in love. (W)

11.30 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and wellbeing.

1.30am CHOICE Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator See page 50 2.30 (a) CHOICE Lockerbie See page 51 3.30 The Lazarus Project 4.30–6.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/**HD** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted US 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00** Stargate SG-1 4.00pm Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe **13/20** Series 1. The crew discovers an idyllic planet with fresh air, clean water and an abundance of food, but concern mounts that it may be too good to be true. **7.00** *14/20*. Rush resorts to desperate measures to find the code needed to control the Destiny's flight path, while Lt Scott, Eli, Chloe and Greer explore planet's underground ruins. 8.00 15/20. Greer is trapped and left for dead on a desolate planet, while Scott, Eli and Chloe try to pick up a signal from the Destiny before it leaves the galaxy.

**9.00 True Blood 1/10** Series 6 Sookie, Eric, Jason, Jessica, Pam and Nora flee the Authority compound. Meanwhile, Burrell declares war against all vampires. **10.05** *2/10*. Eric takes matters into his own hands in an effort to thwart Burrell's anti-vampire initiatives. A relative reveals himself to Jason and Sookie.

11.10 6-Headed Shark Attack \*\*

Comedy action sequents starring Brandon Auret. Comedy action seguel A marriage boot camp on a remote island is gatecrashed by a terrifying six-headed monster. 1.00am Stargate SG-1: triple bill 4.00-6.00am Most Haunted US **Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Game of Thrones 7.55pm Arya remains under cover

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets: three editions (AD) **9.00** Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **12.15pm** The Affair (AD) 2.25 Billions (AD)

5.45pm Billions 7/12. Taylor questions Wendy's motivations while Axe and Chuck face mounting evidence of their involvement in the Ice Juice sabotage

6.50 8/12. Axe seeks a fresh start, while Chuck asserts his political autonomy and debates whether to honour his word to a friend. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 6/10 Series 2. Joffrey's rule prompts the people of King's Landing to riot. Beyond the Wall, Qhorin gives Jon a chance to prove himself. **9.00 7/10.** Theon tries to prove his Ironborn status and Daenerys receives an invitation that could prove useful to her cause. **10.05** 8/10. Robb Stark discovers that he has been betrayed by one of his closest friends, while his fugitive sister Arya calls in a debt. **11.10 9/10.** Tyrion defends King's Landing against Stannis Baratheon's assault in a battle

that will determine the fate of seven kingdoms. 12.15am 10/10. Daenerys summons the courage to enter the House of the Undying. (AD)

1.25 True Blood 3.30 In Treatment 4.00-6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Cops 8.30 Border Patrol 10.00 The Force: Manchester 11.00 Caught Red Handed 1.00pm Caught on Dashcam

2.00pm Nothing to Declare Ten editions of the observational documentary following the work of customs officers inside Australia's biggest airports.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam A seasonal compilation of disasters, near misses and road incidents caught on motorists dashboard cameras.

8.00 FBI 18/23 Series 5. When a trucker is gunned down, all the clues point the team to a noted criminal on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists.

9.00 FBI: International 18/22 Series 2. A Russian hitman is looking for revenge on Forrester. Raines is sent into a tailspin when someone close to him is taken.

10.00 FBI: Most Wanted 18/22 Series 4. Two agents from the Bureau of Land Management go missing while executing a land seizure warrant in Wyoming.

11.00 The Rookie 3/20 Series 2 Tension builds between Officer Nolan and Jessica. Officer Lopez learns some surprising news. (AD)

12 midnight The Good Doctor 1.00am For Life (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00-6.00am Nothing to Declare (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

#### **Sky Max**



**Christmas at the Movies** 7.00pm Actor Tom Hanks

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Sport's Funniest Moments (AD)

9.00 Dr Seuss' The Grinch Musical! (AD) **10.30** Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s (AD) **12.30pm FILM** Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger!
★★ Comedy starring David Tennant (W) 2.30 FILM Twilight ★★★ Romantic horror fantasy starring Kristen Stewart (W) 5.00 TV's Greatest Gameshows

7.00pm Christmas at the **Movies 1/2.** Celebrities talk about their favourite festive films. 8.00 2/2. More beloved festive films and seasonal specials.

9.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 8** Series 18. Romesh and the regulars celebrate Christmas with Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett.

10.00 A League of Their Own 11/11 Series 17. A festive edition, with Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman, (AD)

11.00 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and wellbeing.

1.00am Road Wars 2.00 New. Rob and Romesh vs Lapland: the comedians head to Lapland for a range of tasks. **See choice**, **p60** Rptd tomorrow 9pm (AD) **3.00** The Lazarus Project: Janet gains the trust of Dr Gray **4.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00–6.00am** Sun, Sea and A&E **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders 9.05 Four Weddings (AD) **11.00** Station 19: five episodes. The coronavirus pandemic sweeps through Seattle **12 noon** Maya and Carina endeavour to maintain their relationship 1.00pm Sullivan's disciplinary hearing gets under way.

2.00 The team responds to a difficult domestic dispute 3.00 Andy and Sullivan find a way to stay connected (AD) **4.00pm** Merlin: five episodes. Merlin arrives in Camelot to start a new life **5.00** A knight poses a threat to Arthur **6.00** A witch poisons Camelot's water supply **7.00** Nimueh seeks revenge on Merlin **8.00** Lancelot arrives in town (AD) **9.00** Caught on Dashcam 11.00 Christmas at the Movies: celebrities talk about their favourite festive films and seasonal specials 1.00am Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) 4.00-6.00am Four Weddings (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD) **7.00** Highway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed 12 noon Caught on Dashcam 1.00pm How I Caught the Killer (AD) 2.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 6.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) **7.00** Killer in My Village **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: a profile of Daniel Gonzalez, who killed two men and two women in September 2004 **9.00** World's Most Evil Killers **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer **11.00** Who Killed Robert Wone 12.20am The Murder of Lvn Dawson: 12.20am The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 1.20 How I Caught the Killer 2.15 Killing Mum and Dad (AD) 3.05 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Road Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121 EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

#### Gold



**Blood Actually: a Murder,** They Hope Mystery 9.00pm

7.35am The Two Ronnies 8.20 Miranda (AD) 9.00 Wallace Gromit: A Grand Day Out **9.35**Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong
Trousers **10.10** Dad's Army: the Animations (AD) **10.45** The Green Green Grass **11.50** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **3.10pm** The Two Ronnies: Old Fashioned Christmas Mystery 4.15 Trust Morecambe & Wise **5.15** Porridge (AD)

6.15pm Only Fools and Horses Del and Rodney put on their glad rags and have a night out. (AD) 7.00 Del and Rodnev's estranged father arrives for Christmas. (AD)

7.40 The Vicar of Dibley 1/2 The vicar is swept off her feet. (AD)

9.00 New. Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery Sian Gibson and Johnny Vegas return for a festive special of the whodunnit comedy. Gemma and Terry investigate festive-fuelled murders on their Christmas getaway. See p51. (AD)

11.00 Only Fools and Horses The brothers have a night out.

11.45 The Vicar of Dibley 1/2 The vicar is swept off her feet. (AD) 1.00am The Two Ronnies: Old Fashioned Christmas Mystery **2.05** Porridge (AD) **3.05** Only Fools and Horses **3.35–4.00am** Dad's Army: the Animations

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#### **Sky Comedy**

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** Entourage **1.30pm** The Conners **4.00** Will & Grace (AD) **6.30** Breeders: three episodes. Luke and his girlfriend drop a bombshell **7.00** The reality of Luke's announcement hits home 7.30 Ally is appalled that she is about to turn 50 (AD) **8.00** The Office US: double bill. Jim hatches a scheme to derail Dwight's plan, then Andy goes all out to nail his audition **9.00** And Just like That...: double bill. Carrie is challenged to be sexually open on Che's podcast, then Anthony and Stanford yow to let go of

Anthony and Stanford vow to let go of petty arguments (AD) 10.45 Saturday Night Live: American sketch show 12 midnight New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1.00am Smothered: double bill 2.00 The Office US 2.55 Bounty Hunters 4.00–5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous 9.00 The Middle 2.00pm FILM The Nutty Professor ★★★ Comedy starring Eddie Murphy as both Sherman Klump – the amiable, portly science teacher – and Buddy Love – his sleek, sharp alter ego 3.45 FILM Nutty Professor 2: the Klumps \*\*\* Nutry Froisson 2. the Klumps \*\*\* Comedy sequel starring Eddie Murphy and Janet Jackson **5.45** Friends (AD) **9.00 FILM** American Pie 2 \*\*\* Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs. The students return for another summer of sexual misadventures following their first year at college 11.00 Jimmy Carr: Being Funny 1.10am ike Judge's Beavis and Butt-Head 2.10 Ual Americans **2.35** South Park 4.15-5.00am Most Ridiculous

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



**Inspector George Gently** 6.00pm An academic's death

7.25am The Murdoch Mysteries

Films: Except the Dying **9.05** The Murdoch Mysteries Films: Poor Tom Is Cold 11.00 Hudson & Rex (AD) 3.00pm Father Brown (AD)

6.00pm Inspector George Gently 2/2 Series 3. The detectives investigate the death of a left-wing academic following a nuclear disarmament rally - and find themselves in the midst of a social and sexual rebellion. (AD)

8.00 Death in Paradise 8/8 Series 4. A murder suspect is shot dead in police custody, leaving Humphrey to work out how the killer could have got through three locked doors. (AD)

9.00 Shakespeare and **Hathaway: Private Investigators 9/10** Series 1. Things prove to be rather heated in the kitchen when the sleuthing duo look into a campaign of culinary sabotage. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 3/10 Series 4. The priest investigates the poisoning of a former hangman, while romance is in the air for Mrs McCarthy. (AD) **11.00 4/10.** A former music hall comedian swears revenge, leaving Father Brown trapped. (AD)

12 midnight Black Sands 1.10am The Diplomat: double bill (AD) **3.00–4.00am** Hudson & Rex (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Barnwood Builders 12 noon Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing 6.00pm Gold Rush: during a dangerous white-water migration, the survivalists and their rafts are battered 7.00 The Garden: Commune or Cult?: Team Tree and Team Patrick are at odds, threatening the unified collective (AD) 8.00 Gold Rush: White Water: Dustin takes a new dredging approach that lands him in the path of Nugget Creek's roughest waters 9.00 Survive the Raft: tensions run high as quarrel with Tara **10.00** How the Universe Works: scientists explore what will happen if an asteroid hurtles towards Earth (AD) 11.00 Aliens In Alaska: a bush pilot witnesses unsettling UFO activity 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried 9.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 12 noon Salvage Hunters 3.00pm Shed and Buried 6.00 Combat Dealers: double bill. A Hollywood blockbuster seeks an authentic Second World War SAS vehicle, autnentic Sectoral world war SAS Venicles, then a Cold War underground bunker 8.00 Unsolved History: failed attempts to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln 9.00 Unsolved History: Korean Airline Disaster: the September 1983 Korean Airlines disaster in which a Boeing 747 was shot down by Soviet forces **10.00** Mystery of Egypt's Mega Temple: human remains tell the story 11.00 Mummy King Mystery: Rameses 12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD) 3.00–5.00am Salvage Hunters

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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#### **Sky Documentaries**



**Bad Host: Hunting...** 9.00pm Journalist Alessia Cerantola

6.00am Discovering: Barbara Stanwyck (AD) 7.00 Discovering: Gregory Peck (AD) 8.00 The Directors 9.00 FILM Won't You Be My Neighbor? \*\*\*\* A profile of American children's TV presenter Fred Rogers (W) 11.00 SIC: Prince of MotoGP 12.45pm The Two Escobars 2.45 FILM The Beatles: Eight Days a Week – the Touring Years \*\*\*\* The Fab Four's years as a live band (W) 4.45 Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown (AD)

**7.00pm New. Be Water** Exploring Bruce Lee's time in Hong Kong making four films.

9.00 New. Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 2/3

A woman starts an online group for others who share similar recollections. See page 50.

10.00 New. Lockerbie 4/4

A verdict is delivered, but not everyone agrees with the court's decision. See page 51.

11.00 Inmate #1: the Rise of
Danny Trejo \*\*\*\* A profile
of the prolific "tough guy"
character actor and former
convict Danny Trejo. (W)

American football documentary (W)
3.10 FILM You Cannot Kill David
Arquette \*\*\* Documentary (AD)
(W) 5.00-6.00am The Directors
Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland)
Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Lords of War 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 10.00 Europe from Above (AD) 11.00 Car SOS (AD) 2.00pm Airport Security: First Class Rome 3.00 To Catch a Smuggler: JFK Airport 4.00 Border Protection Spain 5.00 Air Crash Investigation: five editions. A plane crashes just short of the runway 6.00 Why a freshly serviced plane was released with a fatal flaw 7.00 A plane bursts into flames just after landing in Japan 8.00 A discovery that had far-reaching effects for commercial aviation 9.00 Why a plane nosedived into the Indian Ocean 10.00 Ice Road Rescue: Thord and Bjoern work into the small hours to save a truck's cargo 11.00 Hitler's Last Stand (AD) 12 midnight Apocalypse: War of the Worlds (AD) 2.00am Food Factory USA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory USA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory)

Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

6.00am River Hunters Special 6.55
National Park Mysteries 7.45 Pawn
Stars 8.40 Hardcore Pawn 10.10 The
Proof is Out There 12 noon Legends of
the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid
Builders 2.00pm Pawn Stars 5.00
Hitler's Engineers 6.00 UFO Town
7.00 Brad Metzer's Decoded: the team
explores Atlanta's Georgia Guidestones
8.00 On a Wing and a Prayer: the story
of American pilot Al Schwimmer and
his covert operation to deliver weapons
to the Israeli Army 9.00 Great British
Aircraft: Britain's role in the aeronautic
industry 10.40 Liberté 11.00 Hardcore
Pawn 12.30am Pawn Stars 3.30
National Park Mysteries 4.00—6.00am
Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of
the Pyramid Builders: two episodes

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### **Sky Nature**



**A Bee's Diary** 7.00pm The lives of two honeybees

**6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders **11.00** World's Most Toxic Animals (AD) **1.00pm** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **2.00** Monkey Life **3.00** Whale with Steve Backshall **4.00** Into the Big Blue Heart

**6.00pm Into the Big Blue Heart** A journey into the planet's oceans, revealing how the seas and their massive currents sustain the life within them.

**7.00 A Bee's Diary** Following the trials and tribulations of two honeybees over the course of two years from birth to death.

**8.00 Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride**Julz runs into a showdown
between lions and hyenas, and
Henry visits the Kakumbi den.

**9.00 Shark Squad** A look at how sharks are more complex and intelligent than generally believed.

**10.00 The Great Elephant Tale** Revealing how the African elephant has conquered the continent, as cameras follow three herds.

**11.00 How the Wild Things Sleep** The secrets of the most extreme sleepers of the animal kingdom, looking at how they deal with sleep deprivation.

12 midnight Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride 1.00am Shark Squad 2.00-6.00am Brazil Untamed Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am Forbidden History (AD)
6.00pm Forbidden History; six editions. Conflicting accounts of the killing of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini in 1945 7.00 Jamie Theakston investigates historical evidence of the story of Jesus 8.00 The story of the Stasi, East Germany's State Security Service 9.00 What Hitler intended to do with the priceless works of art stolen by the Nazis from across Europe 10.00 Jamie Theakston uncovers the truth behind James Bond and explores which elements of the character were drawn from creator lan Fleming's own experiences 11.00 Examining the secrets of the Knights Templar (AD)
12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Forbidden History (AD) 5.30-6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)
Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

#### **Animal Planet**

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 How Sharks Hunt (AD) 3.00 Sharktacular 2016 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00 Tanked 7.00 How Do Animals Do That? 8.00 Monster Croc Invasion: investigation into human deaths caused by crocodiles in Costa Rica (AD) 9.00 Saba and the Rhino's Secret: wildlife expert Saba Douglas-Hamilton takes a journey to Namibia 10.00 Edge of Alaska 11.00 Legends of the Wild (AD) 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00–5.00am Tanked

**Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

#### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 51I/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
8.00 LIVE European Tour Golf
Day three of the Mauritius Open.
12 noon LIVE Championship
Football Ipswich Town v Norwich
City at Portman Road (ko 12.30).
2.30pm LIVE World Darts Day
two at Alexandra Palace, London.
4.30 Soccer Saturday
5.00 LIVE Premier League
Football Burnley v Everton from
Turf Moor (kick-off 5.30).

8.00 LIVE World Darts Day two from Alexandra Palace, London.

11.00 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 15 game, joined in progress; 1.15am A week 15 game (ko 1.20).

4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442
6.00am EFL Rivalries 6.30 League
Cup 9.15 Greatest Games (AD) 10.00
Saturday Social 11.30 EFL Rivalries
12 noon LIVE Championship
Football Ipswich Town v Norwich
City at Portman Road (ko 12.30).
3.00pm Soccer Saturday
5.00 Championship Highlights
5.20 LIVE German Football RB
Leipzig v Hoffenheim (ko 5.30).
7.30 Championship Football 9.30 EFL
Rivalries 10.00 Women's Super League
10.30 Italia 90: Four Weeks That
Changed the World (AD) 11.30 Greatest
Games (AD) 1.00am Championship
Season Review (AD) 2.00 Best Goals
2.30 EFL Trophy (AD) 3.00-6.00am

#### Sky Golf

Championship Highlights

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am European Tour Golf 7.00 Golf
Academy 7.30 Junior European Open
8.00 LIVE European Tour Golf
Day three of the Mauritius Open.
12.30pm Golf Academy (AD)
1.00 European Tour Golf
5.30 Golf Academy
6.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day
one of the PNC Championship.
11.00 Ryder Cup: Official Films
12.30am US Open Official Films (AD)
1.30 British Masters Masterclass (AD)
2.00 US Open Official Films (AD)
3.00 European Tour Golf 4.00
Masterclass (AD) 5.00-6.00am
US Open Official Films (AD)

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 6.00am NFL Bitesize 8.00 Highlights 9.00 NFL Gameday 9.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 10.00 NFL Highlights 12 noon 49 Hours 12.15pm Highlights 1.00 NFL Gameday 1.30 Her Huddle 2.00 Pro-Football Talk 4.00 Bitesize 5.30 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 15 game (kick-off 6.00); 9.15 A week 15 game (ko 9.30); 1.15am The third week 15 game of the night (kick-off 1.20).

#### **Sky Darts**

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am World Darts 10.30 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 11.00 The Taylor Years 11.30 The Darts Show 12.30pm LIVE World Darts Day two at Alexandra Palace, London. 4.30 The Greatest Final 2007 5.00 John Part's Journey 5.30 The Rise of MVG 6.00 The Darts Show 7.00 LIVE World Darts Day two from Alexandra Palace, London. 11.00 John Part's Journey 11.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion 12 midnight Rob Cross 12.30am Legends of Darts 12.45 Darts Gold 1.00 World Darts 5.00 Darts Gold (AD) 5.45-6.00am Legends of Darts (AD)



**Women's Super League** 11.30am **Sky Premier League** Spurs forward Martha Thomas

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441
6.00am Premier League Football
10.00 Saturday Social: lively chat
11.30 LIVE Women's Super
League Football Tottenham
Hotspur v Arsenal (kick-off 12.00).
2.45pm Greatest Games (AD)
3.00 Soccer Saturday
5.00 LIVE Premier League
Football Burnley v Everton from
Turf Moor (kick-off 5.30).
8.30 Game of the Day 10.30 Premier
League Highlights 3.00-6.00am
Classic Premier League

#### Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443 6.00am Big Bash League Cricket 6.00pm Secrets of Success (AD) 8.15 Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells (AD) 9.00 Ashes Cricket 10.00-6.00am Big Bash League

#### **Sky Sports Mix**

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

4.00pm-5.45am LIVE

American Football Coverage
of four college bowl games.

#### Eurosport 1 Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Snooker 7.55 Olympic

Games: La Vie Sportive 8.55 Sailing
9.25 LIVE Nordic Combined
Skiing World Cup from Austria.
10.05 LIVE Cross-Country
Skiing World Cup from Norway.
11.15 Winter Sport: Mika and Alex
11.30 LIVE Biathlon World Cup.
12.30pm Snooker 147s
12.45 LIVE Snooker Scottish
Open in Edinburgh, first semi-final.
4.30 Cycling 6.00 Snooker
6.45 LIVE Snooker Scottish
Open, the second semi-final.
10.30 Snooker: Scottish Open
12 midnight Alpine Skiing 2.00am
Snooker 4.00-6.00am Alpine Skiing

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.05am Winter Sport
8.05 LIVE Nordic Combined
Skiing World Cup from Austria.
9.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing World
Cup, women's and men's downhill.
12.50pm LIVE Nordic Combined
Skiing World Cup from Austria.
1.25 LIVE Biathlon World Cup.
2.25 LIVE Nordic Combined
Skiing World Cup from Austria.
3.00 LIVE Ski Jumping World
Cup, men's HS140 in Switzerland.
4.50 LIVE Snowboarding World
Cup parallel giant slalom in Italy.
6.20 Winter Sport 9.30 Triathlon
10.00 Alpine Skiing 12 midnight
Cyclo-Cross 2.00am Motocross
3.00 Sailing 4.00-6.00am Snooker

#### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430 6.00am Premier League Preview 6.30 LIVE Australian Football Western Utd v Brisbane, men's. 8.30 TNT Sports Goals Reload 8.45 LIVE Australian Football Melbourne Victory v Sydney, men's. **10.45** Premier League: the Big Interview **11.15** Deaf Away Days 11.30 T20 Cricket Highlights 12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Saracens v Connacht (kick-off **1.00**); **3.00** Bordeaux Begles v Bristol Bears (kick-off **3.15**); **5.15** Leinster v Sale Sharks from RDS Arena (kick-off **5.30**); **7.45** Cardiff v Bath (kick-off **8.00**). 10.30 UFC: previews 1.00am LIVE UFC The prelim bouts from UFC 296 in Las Vegas. **3.00** Premiership Women's Rugby Union **4.00–6.00am** Rugby Union

#### **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431
7.00am TNT Sports Cricket Reload
7.15 LIVE Test Cricket Australia
v Pakistan, first Test, day three.
10.15 Premier League Preview 10.45
Sport in Focus 11.00 The Football's On
12 noon LIVE National League
Football Gateshead v FC Halifax
Town (kick-off 12.30).

2.45pm Reload (AD) 3.00 T20
Cricket 4.00 Test Cricket Highlights
5.00 LIVE International T20

5.00 LIVE International T20 Cricket West Indies v England, the third T20 in the five-match series.
9.30–6.30am LIVE

International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Bangladesh.

#### **TNT Sports 3**

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432 6.00am Italian Football 7.00 LIVE Australian Football Newcastle v Perth Glory, men's. **9.00** Wrestling **10.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union **11.30** Italian Football 12.30pm Deaf Away Days 12.45 LIVE Champions Cup **Rugby Union** Stormers v La Rochelle (kick-off **1.00**). 3.00 LIVE Premiership Women's **Rugby Union** Exeter Chiefs v Gloucester-Hartpury (ko **3.00**). 5.00 Deaf Away Days **5.15 LIVE Italian Football** Napoli v Cagliari, a Serie A match. 7.00 Reload 7.15 No Filter Football **7.30 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union** Ulster v Racing 92. 10.30 National League Football **11.00 LIVE NBA** Milwaukee Bucks v Detroit Pistons (tip-off **11.00**). 1.30am NBA 2.00 Goals Reload

# Australia v Pakistan continued TNT Sports 4

2.15 LIVE Test Cricket Australia

4.30 TNT Sports Cricket Reload

5.00-7.00am LIVE Test Cricket

v Pakistan, first Test, day four.

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am LIVE Badminton World Tour Finals, continued coverage.
7.30 Premier League Preview
8.00 French Football: highlights
9.00 LIVE Badminton The World Tour Finals, semi-finals from China.
2.15pm Champions League Magazine
(AD) 2.45 Badminton 3.00 MotoGP
4.00 LIVE Tennis Day two of the Ultimate Tennis Showdown.

7.00 NBA 7.30 Goals Reload 7.45 LIVE Italian Football Torino v Empoli (kick-off 7.45). 9.45 Wrestling 11.15 French Football 1.15am Italian Football 2.15 Reload (AD) 2.45 Champions League Football (AD) 4.45-5.00am Badminton (AD)

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# NATURE Whale with Steve Backshall

8.00pm **Sky Nature** Catch up: Now Steve Backshall sits on the edge of the dive boat, beaming: "I think that's probably, in 25 years working with animals, the best thing that's ever happened to me." In the waters off Tahiti he has just had a close encounter with a mother humpback whale and her calf.

There's a lovely sequence as the curious youngster enjoys interacting with the humans – and we gather from the episode's coda how fortunate the encounter was.

The theme this week is whale migrations and the logistics of their lifecycles. Among the surprising stats: a southern right whale mother, we're told, produces 300 litres of milk a day, while a male has one-ton testicles. **DAVID BUTCHER** 

# Lost Cities of the Bible

8.00pm **National Geographic** Catch up via Now

In the Old Testament, Nineveh and Babylon were hotbeds of sin. But can archaeology in modern-day Iraq help give us a better idea why they were so poorly regarded? This episode follows teams rebuilding the gates of Nineveh (in modern Mosul) and exploring sites destroyed by Islamic State, while other specialists are restoring Nebuchadnezzar's Ishtar Gate at Babylon.

At 6pm, in Lost Cities Revealed, it's the return of a familiar face on Nat Geo, explorer Albert Lin. He can usually be found using modern tech to reveal hidden kingdoms in South America's jungles, but here he's closer to our shores, investigating how the Picts held off the Romans in Scotland. GILL CRAWFORD

# A Christmas Cruise with Susan Calman

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

There are ships, but tonight Susan Calman also takes trains, planes and snowmobiles to get to Rovaniemi in the Arctic Circle in order to deliver two special letters to Father Christmas.

First, fuelled by cinnamon buns and hot chocolate, she explores the twinkly, magical cities of Stockholm and Helsinki. Then she's off to Lapland, which must be snowed under with celebs at this time of year because, just like Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan (see right), she attends Elf Academy to learn how to be one of Santa's little helpers. Considerably less cynical than Rob and Rom, she embraces the role with child-like enthusiasm. JR

# COMEDY Rob and Romesh vs Lapland

9.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

You would think that Rob Beckett would be better as a Christmas elf than the famously negative Romesh Ranganathan. Wrong, Rob – aka "Ding Dong the Elf" – gets unbearably miserable in the cold and is terrified of the pointy bits on the reindeers' heads.

In fact, the comedians' Lapland adventure winds him up so much that he swears constantly, almost punches one of Santa's over-excited little helpers and then cuts his nose trying to escape. If you remember the pair's screams over an ice-bath in the ballet challenge, their elf baptism is just as noisy.

It's hilarious, but don't expect it to make you feel festive. **JR** 

#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### Antiques Roadshow

8.00pm **BBC1**In this 2022 repeat,
Fiona Bruce is at
London's Museum of
the Home to cast eyes
over children's toys.

# Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Christmas Fishing

8.00pm **BBC2**Last year's seasonal edition sees Paul take Bob to Norway for a very special fishing trip.



#### Vigil

9.00pm **BBC1**With no word of what's happening with DI Silva (Suranne Jones),
Kirsten (Rose Leslie, left) sets out to find her.
Your RT Travel: p144

# **DOCUMENTARY Pianoforte – Storyville**

9.20pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer The International Chopin Piano Competition is described by one hopeful as "the Olympics of the piano". The players in this grippingly tense documentary train like elite athletes, pushing mind and body close to breaking point. Held once every five years, competing requires dedication bordering on obsession.

The resulting film of their struggles – with behind-the-scenes footage and contestants' back stories – is simply fantastic, revealing a rarely glimpsed world of a ruthless contest and painful preparation. Listening to the musicians' coaches delivering scathing analysis of what, to a non-expert, seems like flawless piano playing is eye- (and possibly ear-) opening. CERI THOMAS

The Final Problem. First, there'd be a surprising

involvement in the nascent sport of bodybuilding,

followed by some queasy connections to the Boer

Sherlock proved to be as strong as the Grimpen Mire

War. But, as is revealed here, the grip exerted by

### DOCUMENTARY

### Where Is Baby Gabriel?

10.30pm, 11.30pm, 12.35am **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming

A three-part docu-series (shown in its entirety tonight) probes the disturbing case of Gabriel Johnson, who was seven months old when he disappeared in 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. Gabriel's mother initially said she had killed him, but later retracted her confession, claiming she had given him up for unlicensed adoption — a black-market trade for which San Antonio is apparently well-known.

British film-maker Thomas Leader finds a maze of complexities and bleak twists in the story as he meets members of Gabriel's family, FBI agents, private investigators and the lead detective on the case. Even today, none of them can conclusively establish if Gabriel is still alive. **DBu** 

#### **DRAMA**

his creation's methods while attempting to clear

the name of George Edalji, a solicitor who was

convicted for maiming a pony. But real life

would turn out to be messier than fiction.

**DAVID BROWN** 

#### A Hole in Babylon: Play for Today

11.05pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer Nobody documented the black British experience of the 70s and 80s with more verve and anger than Trinidadborn film-maker Sir Horace Ové, who died in September at 86. At 10.50pm his daughter, actor Indra Ové, pays tribute to a true renaissance man, before a repeat of the 1979 Play for Today version of A Hole in Babylon, which her father directed and co-wrote. Featuring a young Floella Benjamin, it's based on the real-life, six-day Spaghetti House siege of 1975, when armed robbers took hostages in a restaurant. Entwining real news footage and the robbers' back stories, it's absorbing and unremittingly bleak - with an ending that still shocks. **JOHN AIZLEWOOD** 

#### **LIVE SPORT**



#### Equestrian: London International Horse Show

2.30pm **BBC2** 

The Santa Stakes is the big showjumping competition today, won last year by Martin Fuchs.

Football: Premier League Liverpool v Manchester United 4pm (k/o 4.30pm) Sky Sports Main Event/Premier League

No shortage of needle when these two teams meet.

# Football: Women's Super League Manchester United y Liverpool

12 noon (k/o 12.15pm) **BBC2** And the same encounter in the WSL is also set to be a close call.

# FILM OF THE DAY



#### Bridge of Spies ★★★★ 🖸

10.00pm (not N Ireland) **BBC2**Steven Spielberg's impeccably mounted Cold War tale finds Tom Hanks (above) playing true to type as the straight-arrow lawyer who takes on the case of a man accused of spying on US soil, with Mark Rylance as the meek amateur painter with Soviet sympathies. (2015)

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# **SUNDAY Main Channels**

#### **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Rachel Burden, Roger Johnson. (S) (HD) 7.35 Match of the Day Shown yesterday 10.25pm (S) (HD) **9.00 Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg** Interviews. (S) (HD) 10.00 Politics England Regional issues. (S) (HD) 10.30 My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 3/3 Martin and Shirlie Kemp's festive memories, (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 Homes under the Hammer Properties in West Bromwich, Liverpool and Cumbria. (Revised rpt) (S) (AD) (HD) 12 noon Bargain Hunt From Nottingham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00pm BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) **1.15 Songs of Praise** The Rev Kate Bottley meets people who are spreading joy to those in need. (S) (HD) **1.50 Escape to the Country** A couple leaving Spain to move to Shropshire or Herefordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

2.20 Mary Berry's Highland Christmas Mary and her guests create a festive feast. Shown last Wed (S) (AD) (HD) 3.20-4.05 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip

1/6. Ricky Tomlinson and Ralf Little set off on an epic camper van adventure. More tomorrow 3.45pm. The series is on iPlayer from today. First shown on Gold (S) (HD)

**6.35am Countryfile** From the Cambrian Mountains. Signed repeat tomorrow 1,20am Shown last Sunday BBC1 S) (HD) 7.35 Breakfast Rachel Burden, Roger Johnson. (S) (HD) 9.00 Landward Dougie Vipond revisits some of the best

stories from the year. Shown last Thursday BBC Scotland (S) (HD) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (S) (HD) 11.00 A Taste of Christmas with Andi Oliver

Andi Oliver joins three families of different heritages as they create celebratory feasts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon MOTD Live: Women's Super League Manchester United v Liverpool Coverage of the match at Leigh Sports Village (kick-off 12.15). United have won five of the previous six meeting between the teams, the most recent coming in the League Cup last month. (S) (HD)

2.30-4.40pm LIVE London International Horse **Show** Clare Balding presents from the penultimate day of the event at the ExCel centre. (S) (HD)

6.00am Ainsley's Food We Love Ainsley Harriott welcomes entertainer John Barrowman, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 James Martin's French Adventure James cooks veal chops at the Palace of Versailles. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas Festive dishes. Shown yesterday 9.30am (S) (HD) 9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan meets Jenny Agutter, Dame Arlene Phillips and the rare-breed dogs that are making history, (S) (HD)

11.25 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen The duo make a Christmas ham with mustard sauce. (R) (S) (HD)

12.20pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Exeter Chiefs v Munster Hugh Woozencroft presents the Pool Three match from Sandy Park (kick-off 1.00), with commentary from Miles Harrison. (S) (HD)

3.30-4.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Sean Fletcher, JJ Chalmers and Gaby Roslin face the big arcade machine. Ben Shephard presents. (R) (S) (HD)

#### Channel 4

6.15am The Simpsons Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.05 The Big Bang Theory Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.50 A Godwink Christmas: Second Chance, First **Love** ★★ Romance starring Brooke D'Orsay. A man moves back to his home town and ends up stuck in traffic next to his high-school sweetheart. (2020) (S) (HD)

9.30 Sunday Brunch Tim and Simon are joined by guests Noddy Holder, Tom Davis and Romy. (S) (HD)

12.30pm The Snowman Atmospheric animation about a boy whose snowman comes to life. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 The Snowman and the Snowdog Charming animated sequel to The Snowman. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40-3.35 Monsters vs Aliens ★★★★ Animated sci-fi comedy featuring the voices of Seth Rogen, Reese Witherspoon and Hugh Laurie. Susan Murphy is struck by a meteorite that endows her with extraordinary powers. Review p67. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### BBC1

Vigil 9.00pm In the thick of it: Amv (Suranne Jones) and Fliza (Romola Garai) confront the dissident group



#### 4.05pm Dolittle ★

Fantasy comedy starring Robert Downey Jr. In Fantasy comedy starting models borned, 19th-century England, Dr John Dolittle lives with exotic animals as his only company. But when Queen Victoria falls ill, he embarks on a globe-trotting quest to find a cure. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p67. Director Stephen Gaghan (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 7pm BBC3

#### 5.35 Planet Earth III

8/8 Series 3. Heroes. David Attenborough praises people on the front line of conservation who are risking everything in the fight to save wildlife. Producer Steve Greenwood; Series producers Matt Brandon and Jonny Keeling Shown last Sunday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.35 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 7.00 Countryfile

In Oxfordshire, John Craven meets with experts to learn about nature and the behaviour of wildlife in the winter, and what folk wisdom across the centuries can teach us about the season, and Charlotte Smith investigates the impact of recent storms on the countryside. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead. Series producer Gavin Ahern; Series editor Mark Beech (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Antiques Roadshow

At the Museum of the Home in London, Fiona Bruce presents an episode looking at children's toys over the generations, from Sindy dolls to Star Wars figures. Raj Bisram explores an Action Man collection, Marc Allum tries his hand at Subbuteo, and Lisa Lloyd inspects two marionettes made by Second World War PoWs. Fiona also meets broadcaster Jonathan Ross, owner of one of the largest toy collections in the UK. Director Chris Boreham; Series producer Debbie Martin (R) (S) (HD)

#### **9.00 Vigil**

4/6 Series 2. Amy and Eliza come face to face with the dissident group at the heart of the investigation and are instructed to help them infiltrate the base. The pair have no choice but to find a way to escape. while Kirsten desperately tries to search for them. Continues tomorrow 9pm. A box set is on iPlayer.

Amy Silva Suranne Jones Faisal Ghazali Eliza Russell Kirsten Longacre Rose Leslie Marcus Grainger Dougray Scott Gary Lewis Colin Robertson Captain Sattam Abdul Kader **Oscar Salem** Mutaz **Kamal Mustaffai** Orla Russell Hafsa Amir El-Masry Daniel Ramsay Abdullah Ghazali Khalid Laith

Malek Alkoni Colonel Ai Bilali Nebras Jamali Chris Jenks Callum Barker Shannon Hayes Nicole Lawson Jonathan Ajayi Wes Harper Firas Zaman FO Clothier Inaam Al Rattat Alia Ghazali Rehecca Banatyala

Writer Marvam Hamidi: Producer Marcus Wilson Directors Andy De Emmony and Joss Agnew More cast Tuesday Signed repeat Tuesday 3.25am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.30 Match of the Day 2

Mark Chapman introduces today's Premier League action, including Liverpool v Manchester Utd, Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion and Brentford v Aston Villa. Producer Ian Finch; Editor Jamie Gavin (S) (HD)

#### 11.45 The Women's Football Show

Super League highlights, including Manchester Utd v Liverpool and Aston Villa v Brighton & Hove Albion. Producer Emily Jamieson; Executive producer Anna Thompson (S) (HD)

**12.30am Cape Fear** ★★★★ Thriller starring Robert De Nick Nolte and Jessica Lange. After 14 years behind bars, rapist Max Cady is free to exact revenge on the man who could have kept him out of jail, lawyer Sam Bowden. Too clever to attack his victim directly, the ex-convict begins a reign of terror that threatens Bowden's wife and teenage daughter. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 67.** Director Martin Scorsese (1991, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

**2.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) **2.35–6.00am BBC News** (S) (HD)

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#### BBC2

Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Dovle 9.00pm How the writer ditched his famous sleuth



#### 4.40pm Flog It!

Thomas Plant and Claire Rawle search for items to appraise at Leicester's De Montfort Hall. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 5.25 The Second Best Exotic Marigold

Hotel ★★★★ Comedy drama sequel. As the pensioners live out their golden years in India, irrepressible owner Sonny is worried that one of the new arrivals is an undercover hotel inspector. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 67.

Evelyn Greenslade Muriel Donnelly Douglas Ainslie Madge Hardcastle Jean Ainslie Norman Cousins

Judi Dench Carol Maggie Smith Sonny Kapoor Bill Nighy Sunaina Richard Gere Lavinia Celia Imrie Penelope Wilton Ty Burley

Dev Patel Tena Desae Tamsin Greig Lillete Dubey David Strathairn

Director John Madden (2015, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 10.55pm BBC4

#### 7.20 Dad's Army

Series 8. My Brother and I. In the 1975 Boxing Day special of the sitcom, Captain Mainwaring has to endure an unexpected and most unwelcome visitor his estranged brother (also played by Arthur Lowe) - much to the delight of Private Frazer. Writers David Croft and Jimmy Perry Director/Producer David Croft (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone **Christmas Fishing**

Paul takes Bob to Norway for the ultimate fishing adventure in this festive edition from 2022. The duo travel to Vesteralen and the Lofoten Islands, 1,000 miles north of Oslo, where they are surrounded by snow-capped mountains, deep fjords, surf-swept beaches and historic fishing villages. Cod, halibut and coalfish are their quarry, but they are also on the hunt for a traditional Norwegian jumper to replace the one Bob borrowed from his late father.

#### 9.00 Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

2/3. The historian examines what happened after the suther lift of 1000 after the author killed off Sherlock Holmes, exploring his desire to distance himself from the sleuth he had come to loathe. From the delights of the ski slopes to the horrors of the Boer War, Lucy reveals how far Conan Dovle went to make himself the hero of his own story – even taking on the role of detective himself in one of the most important legal cases of the 20th century. The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 61. Director Laura Blount: Series producer Linda Sands Repeated Tuesday 11.55pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Bridge of Spies ★★★★

Director Steven Spielberg (2015, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

Spy thriller based on a true story. At the height of the Cold War, it falls to insurance lawyer James B Donovan to represent Soviet spy Rudolf Abel and broker a prisoner swap involving two American men – pilot Francis Gary Powers and student Frederic

Pryor. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: p67. James B Donovan Alan Alda Austin Stowell **Tom Hanks** Thomas Watters Jr Mark Rylance Francis Gary Powers Rudolf Abel Amy Ryan Ivan Schischkir Scott Shepherd Frederic Pryor Ivan Schischkin Mikhail Gorevoy Will Rogers Eve Hewson Hoffman Sebastian Koch Carol Donovan

12.15am The Secret Genius of Modern Life 6/6 Series 2 Hannah Fry examines the technology behind the lift, entering a 246m elevator shaft. Shown last Thursday (S) (AD) (HD) 1.15-3.45am Sign Zone 1.15 Question Time Fiona Bruce chairs the topical debate from the Scottish Borders town of Kelso. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (HD)

2.15 Villages by the Sea 9/10. Ben Robinson visits the settlement of Greyabbey on Strangford Lough. (R) (S) (HD) **2.45 The Newsreader** 6/6 Series 2. The team prepare for the Australian Bicentenary as celebrations begin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

#### ITV1

#### The Royal Variety **Performance** 8.00pm Bradley Walsh introduces a glittering night of entertainment



4.30pm ITV News Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 Capital's Jingle Bell Ball

The best performances from last weekend's Christmas concerts at the O2, featuring hits from Take That, Busted, Zara Larsson, Raye, Alicia Keys, Tom Grennan, Jax Jones, S Club, Leigh-Anne, Rita Ora and more. Presented by Roman Kemp, Sian Welby and Chris Stark. Director Dave Skinner Producer Carl Trumpess (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.30 Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South Christmas Special

Gino D'Acampo heads for Puglia to find some Italian alternatives to the British tradition of turkey with all the trimmings. In Bari, he buys some locally caught fish at the market for his main course, and for dessert, he makes Italy's answer to the mince pie – fried cartellate. Series director/producer Nadya Mahdi (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Deal or No Deal Christmas Special

Stephen Mulhern presents as football legend Michael Owen plays for charity in a seasonal edition of the game show, cheered on by his friends, relatives and some famous faces. Will the striker be a fox in the box, or will he end up with a Scrooge-like offer from the Banker? Director Ollie Bartlett; Executive producers Tamara Gilder, Cat Lawson and David Hall (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Royal Variety Performance

Bradley Walsh introduces the annual extravaganza from the Royal Albert Hall. The bill features a headline performance from Cher and a musical medley to mark Disney's 100th anniversary, plus songs from Rick Astley, McFly, Zara Larsson, Paloma Faith and Hannah Waddingham with the ENO Chorus, while the casts of Sister Act, Crazy for You and The Little Big Things also take the stage. Comedy comes from Britain's Got Talent winner Viggo Venn, Simon Brodkin, Rosie Jones, Ellie Taylor and Tom Allen, while Lang Lang is reunited with Lucy, the winner of Channel 4's The Piano, for a remarkable four-handed performance. And there will be a tribute to theatrical impresario Bill Kenwright, who died in October. See p60. Director Richard Valentine; Series producer Helen Riddell Repeated Thursday 11.10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.45 Sorry, I Didn't Know

5/5 Series 4. Jimmy Akingbola introduces the panel game based on black British history, with team captains Chizzy Akudolu and Eddie Kadi. Executive producers Fraser Ayres, Minnie Ayres and Jimmy Akingbola (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Long Lost Family

Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell help Julie Johnson trace her son Steven, whom she gave up for adoption when she was just a teenager. Directors Mark Usher and Satiyesh Manoharajah Series producer Clare Bradbury (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am EFL Highlights The best action from all three divisions, including Leeds United v Coventry. Shown yesterday 9pm ITV4 and 11.40pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

1.30 Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Motorsport UK Richard John Neil introduces action from Brands Hatch. Shown last Mon ITV4 (S) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show The comedian hosts *The Price is Right*. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

Where Is Baby Gabriel? 10.30pm The unsolved disappearance of seven-month-old Gabriel Johnson



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#### 3.35pm Deck the Halls $\star\star$

Comedy. When Buduy riaii pace codes Christmas lights on his house to ensure it Comedy. When Buddy Hall puts enough can be seen from space, his uptight neighbour Steve Finch decides to fight back. Review p67. Danny DeVito Tia Hall
Matthew Broderick Madison Finch in Chenoweth Alia Shawkat Steve Finch Kristin Davis Carter Finch Director John Whitesell (2006, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

#### 5.25 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD) 5.40 Men in Black ★★★★

Sci-fi comedy. A New York police officer is recruited by a top-secret agency that monitors alien activity and finds himself in a race against time to save the Earth. Review p67.

Tony Shalhoub Siobhan Fallon Tommy Lee Jones Jeebs Will Smith Beatrice Linda Fiorentino Gentle Rosenberg Vincent D'Onofrio Van driver Mike Nussbaum Laurel Edgar Jon Gries Rip Torn Jose Sergio Calderon Director Barry Sonnenfeld (1997, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 10pm 4seven

#### 7.25 Men in Black 2 ★★

Sci-fi comedy sequel. When evil alien queen Serleena threatens Earth's safety, Jay must persuade Kay to rejoin the sharp-suited Men in Black and save the world once again. Agent Kay Tommy Lee Jones Jeebs Will Smith Zed Lara Flynn Boyle Agent Tee Tony Shalhoub Agent Jay Patrick Warburton Sérleena Scrad/Charlie Johnny Knoxville Martha Stewart Martha Stewart Michael Jackson Laura Rosario Dawson Agent M Michael Director Barry Sonnenfeld (2002, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 10pm 4seven

#### 9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

Bedfordshire Police are called in after a rape complaint from a man who met someone on the dating app Grindr. The suspect admits meeting other men regularly for casual sex, but says it is always consensual. The Rape & Serious Sexual Offences team work to uncover the truth. Producer Georgie Emary Witts; Executive producers Simon Ford, Amber Ronowicz Repeated tonight 11.35pm 4seven, Monday 9pm 4seven, Tuesday 11.35pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.30 Where Is Baby Gabriel?

New series. 1/3. Bad Intentions? Series examining the case of Gabriel Johnson, who in 2009 went missing in San Antonio, Texas aged just seven months. The first episode looks into the relationship between Gabriel's mother and father, and examines claims that a woman named Tammi Smith wanted to adopt Gabriel.

11.30 2/3. Searching for a Ghost. Elizabeth suddenly changes her story, saying that instead of killing Gabriel she gave him away to a couple in a park. Eyewitnesses report that she was seen talking with two people, and Elizabeth claims that they were friends of Tammi Smith.

12.35am 3/3. What is it Elizabeth? A private investigator reopens the case, and phone call records reveal a high level of activity around the time of Gabriel's disappearance. With Tammi denying she's part of a conspiracy, only Elizabeth can reveal the truth. **See p61.** (S) (AD) (HD)

1.30 24 Hours in A&E Mark, 32, is brought to resus with a head injury after suffering a seizure. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.25 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back The Trolley Stop Café in New Orleans. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 3.10 Come Dine with Me A week of dinner parties in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.25 Strangers on a Plane** Social influencer Lubomba treats his rivals to some high-octane jet skiing. (R) (S) (HD) 5.50-6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Making snow-topped gingerbread houses, (R) (S) (HD)

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#### BBC4

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#### **Horace Ové** Remembered by Indra Ové 10.50pm Looking

back at her father's career



#### 7.00pm A Musical Family Christmas with the Kanneh-

All seven of the Kanneh-Mason siblings are reunited for Christmas at their family home in Nottingham, with their parents Stuart and Kadie, Their seasonal celebration is a unique fusion of traditions from the UK, Sierra Leone and the Caribbean. They perform old favourites such as Mary's Boy Child, We Three Kings and Santa Baby, as well as Bob Marley's Who the Cap Fit and Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. Producer Len Brown; Executive producers Bridget Boseley and Diana Hare (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 John Williams Live: **Music from the Movies**

The veteran movie composer conducts the Berlin Philharmonic in some of his finest themes and scores for the big screen, including Jaws, Superman and Star Wars. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 9.20 Pianoforte: Storyville

A look at how the International Chopin Piano Competition, staged in Warsaw every five years since 1927, has been a career launchpad for some of the world's greatest virtuoso pianists. The competition itself is a rollercoaster of a classical ride and this documentary goes behind the scenes, meeting some of the most talented young professional piano players from across the world. See page 61. Executive producer Maciej Kubicki (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.50 Horace Ové Remembered by Indra Ové

The work of acclaimed director. photographer and artist Horace Ové. who died in September at the age of 86, is recalled by his daughter Indra. Producer Andrew Wiltshire Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 A Hole in Babylon: **Play for Today**

Drama by Jim Hawkins and Horace Ové, first shown in 1979, based on events surrounding the Spaghetti House siege in Knightsbridge, London an armed robbery that went

disastrously wrong. See page 61. Frank Davies T-Bone Wilson Trevor Thomas Archie Pool Bonsu Monroe Wes Dick Mrs Monroe Helen Webb Sheila Shope Shodeinde Floella Benjamin Lena Norma Gambler Johnny Shannon Eric Kent Baron

Director Horace Ové (R) (S)

12.15am What We Were Watching: Christmas 1991 Grace Dent looks at Songs

of Praise and EastEnders. (R) (S) (HD)

1.15 A Christmas Carol ★★★ Film version of Simon Callow's acclaimed one-man show in which the actor narrates the Dickens festive classic. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Tom Cairns (2018, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

**2.25–3.10am Hope Street 2/15** Series 3 Clint suspects that the fire-starter is someone close to home. Continues tomorrow 2.40am. First shown on BBC1 Northern Ireland (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> SCOTLAND

10.00-10.30am The Sunday Show: with Martin Geissler **5.35–6.35pm** The Big Scottish Christmas Book Club: with Jenny Colgan, MG Leonard and Graham McTavish

#### BBC **SCOTLAND**

7.00pm The Seven 7.15 Seven Days 8.00 Inside Central Station: a Christmas special 9.00 Still Game Live: a stage version of the sitcom **10.00** Still Game 10.30 Two Doors Down 11.00 Fern Brady: Power and Chaos: comedy Loop: with Harry Josephine Giles

1.30-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport 3.50-5.05 Night Vision: news and sport

#### **BBC1 WALES**

**10.00–10.30am** Politics Wales **1.50pm** Mary Berry's Highland Christmas **2.50** Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 3.35 FILM: Dolittle 5.05 Kiri's TV Flashback: exploring Wales's love of animals 5.35-6.35 Max Boyce at 80

#### **BBC2 WALES**

4.40pm The Best Dishes Ever **4.55**FILM: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel **6.50** Dad's Army 7.30-8.00 Gareth Edwards's Great Welsh Adventure: a visit to Machynlleth

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.00-10.30am Sunday Politics Northern Ireland

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

**10.00pm** Paul Muldoon: Laoithe 's Liricí: key moments in the poet's creative life 11.20 Sunday Politics Northern Ireland 11.50 The Secret Genius of Modern Life: the technology behind the lift 12.50-1.15am **BBC News** 

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# **SUNDAY Freeview**

#### Channel 5





A Christmas Cruise with Susan Calman 9.00pm A trip to Lapland

**5.40am Milkshake!** See page 66 **9.45 The Smurfs** Gargamel places a magical armoire in the forest. (R) (S) (HD) **9.55 SpongeBob SquarePants** Patrick's artwork is in demand. (R) (S) (HD) **10.10 Entertainment News** (S) (HD) **10.20 NFL End Zone** Action from the latest matches in the NFL. (S) (HD) **10.50 Friends** Series 10. Rachel's clueless

sister Amy offers to babysit Emma.

11.25 Rachel and Monica fight over one of Phoebe's peculiar paintings.

11.55 Ross discovers Rachel's worst fear.

12.25pm Monica cooks Thanksgiving dinner, but the others turn up late. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.55 Twas the Night before Christmas**★★ Romantic comedy starring Torrey DeVitto and Zane Holtz. Former actress Madison puts on a festive play.

Director Gary Yates (2022, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

**2.45 Scrooge** \*\* Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, starring Albert Finney. Can miserly Mr Scrooge be persuaded to change his ways? Director Ronald Neame (1970, U) (S) (W) (HD)

5.05pm A Star for Christmas \*\*

Romantic comedy starring Tamara Almeida. A property developer tries to take over a town's Christmas tree farm. (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News (S) (HD)

### 7.00 Celebs at Christmas: How Do They Do It?

The homes of famous faces from the UK and the US during the festive period, including Mariah Carey and the Beckhams. Directors Kim Lomax and Steve Golley Repeated Friday 12.30am (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 22 Kids and Counting

Christmas is a hectic time when you have 22 children. But with son Daniel planning to move to Australia in the new year, it could be the final Radford Christmas with the whole family together. Director/Producer Alex Ash (S) (HD)

### 9.00 A Christmas Cruise with Susan Calman

The comedian heads to Rovaniemi in Lapland – the official home town of Father Christmas. She learns what it takes to be one of Santa's helpers at the Elf Academy before taking a snowy trip that leads to Mr Claus's door. **See p60**. Executive producer Kieron Collins (S) (HD)

### 10.00 Funniest Ever Christmas TV

Angus Deayton presents yuletide blunders and bloopers from TV and film. Series producer Chris Wake (R) (S) (HD)

### 11.35 When 80s TV Goes Horribly Wrong

Anita Dobson narrates this compilation of mishaps, including a Halloween stunt that went wrong for Paul Daniels.

Director Angus McIntyre Shown last Friday (S) (HD)

**1.25am** Casino (S) (HD) **3.25** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15** The Funny Side of Growing Up (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.05** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) **5.35–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### **ВВСЗ**



**Nativity!** 7.20pm Paul Maddens (Martin Freeman) works on a play

#### 7.00pm How to Train Your Dragon Homecoming

Animated drama with the voice of Jay Baruchel. Hiccup and Toothless reunite to remind both their kinds of the inseparable bond between Vikings and dragons. Repeated Thursday 4.40pm CBBC (S) (HD)

#### **7.20** Nativity! ★★★

Comedy with Martin Freeman. Despite being traumatised by a bad review years earlier, primary school teacher Paul Maddens is tasked with directing the Nativity play. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Debbie Isitt (2009, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

#### 9.00 Gavin & Stacey

In a Christmas special from 2019, the Shipmans and Wests gather for festivities in Barry. More Wednesday 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.05 Cuckoo

7/7 Series 2. It's Christmas time for the Thompsons, and Lorna is full of yuletide spirit. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.35 Him & Her

**5/7** Series 3. A flashback to Steve and Becky's first date. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.05 6/7**. Steve plans to ask Becky to marry him. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.35 Dreaming Whilst Black

1/6. Comedy about an aspiring film-maker who gets the opportunity of a lifetime. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

**12 midnight** Dreaming Whilst Black: five further episodes (S) (AD) (HD) **2.10am** The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) **3.10** Birdsong (S) (HD) **3.25–3.55am** Him & Her (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

**BBC3 F'view** 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2



6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper (S) (HD) **9.20** Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD) **11.20** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out (S) (AD) (HD) **12.20pm** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **1.20** In for a Christmas Penny (AD) (HD) 2.00 Merry Madagas 2.35 Trolls Holiday (S) (HD) 3.00 FILM Home Alone 3 ★★★ (S) (W) (HD) **5.05** The Smurfs: the Legend of Smurfy Hollow (S) (HD) 5.30 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas (S) (HD) **6.05pm FILM Smallfoot** ★★ Animated fantasy comedy with the voice of Channing Tatum. Migo lives with his fellow yetis in the Himalayas, where they have no contact with the outside world. When he befriends a human wildlife expert, Migo realises he has some harsh truths to learn. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.00 FILM Pitch Perfect ★★★ Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick and Skylar Astin. New girl Beca doesn't care about being popular on campus, but her singing voice makes her the centre of attention when she signs up to be part of the college's all-female a cappella group, the Barden Bellas.

Determined to outshine them are their male to dustifile the firefile file file file file file counterparts, the Treblemakers. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 10.10 Family Guy Series 21. Meg comes home from Russia after making a realisation. 10.40 Stewie competes to be "snack captain". 11.10 Series 20. Brian is accused of ruining Mayor West's nativity scene on his ride home. **11.40** Series 3. Lois's well-laid Christmas holiday plans fall apart. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.10am American Dadl (S) (AD) (HD) 1.05 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 2.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Shopping 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) ITV3



**The Savoy at Christmas** 9.00pm Sean gets his team ready for the big day

**6.00am** Never the Twain: Simon is rushed to hospital (s) **6.35** A Touch of Frost: Series 3 Dead Male One. Jack's plans for a quiet weekend are disrupted when an unidentified body is pulled out of the river (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **8.40** The Durrells: 1/8 Series 3. The family is surprised to find out that Leslie has three different girlfriends; **9.40** 2/8. Leslie decides that he wants to be with Dionisia (S) (AD) (HD) **10.40** Maigret: **5/6** Series 1. Maigret on Home Ground. The detective returns to his home town; **11.50** 6/6. Maigret Sets a Trap. A killer terrorises Montmartre (S) (AD)

12.55pm Downton Abbey: 6/7 Series 1 Sybil's political aspirations land her in trouble; 1.55 7/7. Cora discovers that she is pregnant, leaving Mary in a quandary; 3.20 1/9 Series 2. Isobel's surprising news about Matthew's plan to visit rocks the family; 4.50 2/9. Carson tries to keep standards high, with disastrous consequences (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00pm Downton Abbey

**3/9** Series 2. O'Brien manipulates the return of Thomas to Downton, which is being prepared as a convalescent home for wounded officers. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.10 Endeavour

**4/4** Series 4. **Harvest.** The discovery of a 2,000-year-old body reveals a new lead in a missing persons case. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 The Savoy at Christmas

**5/5** Series 2. The cameras return to the palatial London hotel to chronicle the preparations for Christmas, as the team works to transform the Savoy into a winter wonderland. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Endeavour

1/3 Series 8. Striker. Investigating a murder at an Oxford college, Endeavour is also tasked with acting as bodyguard to Oxford Wanderers' star striker who has been threatened by the IRA. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Upstairs, Downstairs: Series 3 Distant Thunder. Hazel suffers a miscarriage (s) 1.15 Blue Murder: 5/6 Series 5. Private Sins 1/2. Shap's behaviour becomes erratic (S) (SL) (AD) 2.20–2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

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#### TV 4

6.00am New. Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD)
6.25 New. Auto Mundial (S) (HD) 6.55
Motorsport UK (S) (HD) 8.00 EFL Highlights
(S) (HD) 9.30 Football League Legends (S)
(HD) 9.40 Made in Britain (S) (AD) (HD) 10.10
New. SailGP Highlights: action from the
United Arab Emirates (S) (HD) 11.10 FILM
The Last Sunset ★★ Western starring Rock
Hudson and Kirk Douglas (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**1.30pm** Sharpe: two episodes. An old enemy of Sharpe's is back, then Obadiah Hakeswill returns to create more mischief (S) (HD)

**5.50pm Sharpe 3/3** Series 2. The soldier faces execution for murder. Determined to regain his honour, he searches for the only person who can clear his name. (S) (HD) **8.00 FILM Rocky III** ★★ Boxing drama directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. New challenger Clubber Lang appears on the scene – a boxer so ruthless that Rocky is told to retire rather than fight him. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**10.10 FILM Conan the Barbarian** \*\*\* Fantasy action adventure starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**12.50am** The Sweeney (S) **1.55** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **2.50–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318 Drama



**Traces** 9.55pm Will Sarah be able to prevent another explosion?

7.00am Birds of a Feather: 7/14 Series 4
Sharon gives the café a new image Rptd 3.0am
(s) 7.45 The Bill: five episodes. Samantha
receives a video of Abi; 8.40 Gina gives Kerry
an ultimatum; 9.40 Kerry's illusions about
David Radford are shattered; 10.40 Kerry's
revenge backfires; 11.40 Kerry goes missing
12.40pm Death Comes to Pemberley: 1/3
On the eve of the Darcys' annual ball,
Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam are entertaining
guests when an unexpected visitor brings
news of a murder in the local woods;
2.00 2/3. An arrest has been and Elizabeth
reassures the staff of Pemberley that all is
well. Darcy, however, seems unconvinced;
3.20 3/3. The trial draws to a close and
Wickham's fate looks sealed until a surprising

**4.40pm Catherine Cookson's The Girl** Period drama starring Siobhan Flynn. A dying woman takes her daughter to the home of her former lover, a wealthy mine agent, who looks after the child. (S)

suspect closer to home is revealed. (AD) (HD)

**7.55 Inspector George Gently 4/4** Series 6. **Gently Going Under.** Once a thriving colliery town, the future of Burnsend hangs in the balance as the coal board considers closing its pit. When the union

considers closing its pit. When the union leader dies in the mine in mysterious circumstances, Gently and Bacchus explore tensions within the community. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.55 New. Traces

**6/6** Series 2. Sarah works with McKinven to prevent another explosion before making decisions about their future. Kathy realises change is essential, personally and professionally. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.55 Taggart

3/3 Series 1. Murder in Season. Glamorous opera singer Eleanor Samson becomes the prime suspect when her estranged husband's lover is killed. (S)

**1.55am** The Brokenwood Mysteries: **5/6** Series 7. A fundraising evening at the historic Brokenwood Empire Cinema becomes fatal when a fire breaks out (HD) **3.30–4.00am** Birds of a Feather Shown 7am (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

#### ITVBe



7.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S)
(HD) 8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD)
9.00 LittleBe (HD) 12 noon Sugar Showdown
(S) (HD) 12.25pm FILM Crown Prince of
Christmas ★★ Romantic drama (S) (W) (HD)
2.15 FILM The Christmas Planner ★★
Romance (S) (W) (HD) 4.10 FILM Mistletoe
Mixup ★★ Romantic comedy (S) (W) (HD)

6.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries Christmas comes early for the Shepherds with their first photo shoot. (S) (HD) 7.00 New. The Big Bake The teams create cakes of no-good North Pole antics. (S) (HD) 8.00 FILM The Blind Side ★★★ Drama based on a true story, starring Oscar-winning Sandra Bullock. The life of homeless African-American teenager Michael Oher seems to be heading nowhere. That is until the intervention of wealthy white housewife Leigh Anne

Tuohy. Review page 67. (S) (W) (HD)
10.40 Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity
Holiday Hotspots The hottest super-rich
celebrity holiday getaways. (S) (HD)
11.40 Bridezillas Tosin's Nigerian wedding
is planned at the last minute. (S) (HD)

**12.40–12.55am** Unwind (S) (HD) **ITVBe** Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland)

Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

### SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

#### More4





**The Emergency Ward** 10.00pm Dr Sarah treats an injured cyclist

**8.55am** George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces (AD) **9.55** Amazing Spaces: George's Icelandic Adventure (AD) **11.00** George Clarke's Old House, New Home (AD) **12 noon** Come Dine with Me: dinner parties

from around Newport **2.40pm** Four in a Bed **5.20pm Come Dine with Me** There's glitz and glamour, animal-themed pyjama suits, a whole pig's head, arguments and a 1980s-themed evening in east London. **8.00 999: on the Front Line** A 93-year-old war veteran may have a life-threatnening infection, and a four-year-old who is pale and vomiting needs to be seen urgently. **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** Twelve-year-old Brooke is rushed to St George's after suffering an asthma attack so severe that the paramedic team had to put her

in an induced coma at the scene. (AD)

10.00 The Emergency Ward Dr Miriam treats a heavily pregnant woman who collapsed on a train station platform and fell face-first, landing on her stomach. (AD)

11.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics

a tennis player is put into an induced coma after suffering a heart attack on the court, a fell runner is seriously injured by cows, and a man is crushed under a collapsed wall. (AD)

12 midnight Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: Johnny Vegas and Sean Lock take on Jon Richardson and Katherine Ryan in a 2015 Christmas special 1.05am The Good Doctor (AD) 2.05 999: on the Front Line 3.10–3.40am A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### **E4**

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6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus (AD) 8.20 FILM A Dog's Purpose ★★ Fantasy adventure starring Britt Robertson 10.20 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (AD) 2.15pm The Big Bang Theory; seven episodes (AD) 5.35 The Great New Year Bake Off (AD)

6.55pm FILM My Best Friend's Wedding

★★★ Romantic comedy starring Julia
Roberts, Dermot Mulroney and Cameron Diaz.
When Julianne Potter learns that her best
friend and ex-lover, sportswriter Michael
O'Neal, is getting married, she vows to
sabotage the wedding. Thwarted in her initial
efforts, she resorts to underhand tactics. (AD)

9.00 FILM Bad Boys for Life \*\*\*
Comedy thriller starring Will Smith and
Martin Lawrence. When a figure from the
past returns and targets detective Mike
Lowery for assassination, he and partner
Marcus Burnett are forced to fight back –
curtailing Burnett's retirement plans. (AD)
11.25 Gogglebox Featuring Big Brother: the
Launch, Don't Look Down for SU2C, Big Little
Journeys and Antiques Roadshow. (AD)
12.30am The armchair critics watch
Coronation Street, Married at First Sight UK
and The Good Ship Murder. (SL) (AD)
1.35 First Dates (SL) (AD) 2.40 Below Deck

Sailing Yacht (AD) 3.25–6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus Shown yesterday 3.30am C4 (SL) (AD) E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 10.00 A Place in the Sun (AD) 3.00pm The Hotel Inspector 4.00 Antiques Road Trip 7.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 8.00 Dr Pimple Popper 9.00 New series. Body Bizarre (AD) 10.00 Man with Three Legs: Body Bizarre 11.00 The Dead Files 12 midmight Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room 1.00am Ghost Adventures: Screaming 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops 5.00–6.00am Animal Cops Houston (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**





Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion 8.00pm A 2009 concert

6.00am Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
7.40 A Swingin' Christmas with Len Phillips
Swing Orchestra: with festive classics
9.00 A Brass Band Wonderland (AD) 10.30
André Rieu: Christmas around the World
12.30pm Mariah Carey: Live at the Tokyo
Dome 2.30 Christmas in Ireland with Imelda
May 3.45 FILM Sherlock Holmes: Terror by
Night \*\* Mystery starring Basil Rathbone
and Nigel Bruce (BW) (W) 5.00 Discovering:
Basil Rathbone: a profile of the English actor
6.00pm The Nation's Favourite Christmas
Carols The choir and orchestra of the English
National Opera perform Britain's best-loved
carols, as voted by the public, while famous
faces reveal their own personal favourites.

8.00 New. Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion A 2009 concert at London's O2 Arena during their 50th anniversary tour, with performances of songs including Living Doll, Move It and Apache.
10.50 The Shadows: the Final Tour
A 2004 concert by the instrumental rock band at the Cardiff Indoor Arena, in which Hank Marvin Bruce Welch and Rizian Repoett

Hank Marvin, Bruce Welch and Brian Bennett reunited to perform tracks including Apache, Riders in the Sky, Don't Cry for Me Argentina, Theme from the Deer Hunter and FBI. 1.50am Diana Ross and the Supremes: Music Icons: the life and work of the soul group

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2.15 Guy Garvey. from the Vaults 3.10 The
Directors 4.05 The Agatha Christie Hour (AD)
5.05–6.00am Best of Portrait Artist of the Year
Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland)
Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

#### 4seven



9.00am Four in a Bed: ten editions
2.00pm A Place in the Sun: four editions
6.00pm A Place in the Sun Ben Hillman
helps a couple search for a dream holiday
home in Spain's Almería Province. (AD)
7.00 Laura Hamilton helps Doc and Lucia
from Devon find their dream home in Alora,
Spain on a budget of £110,000. (AD)

8.00 The Dog House at Christmas The team at Woodgreen Pets Charity do some festive matchmaking. Twins Noah and Toby don't like sharing but spaniel cross puppy Jeff loves to overshare. Shown last Tuesday C4 (AD) 9.00 Gogglebox Festive Special The

9.00 Gogglebox Festive Special Ine armchair critics review Christmas TV from 2021, including Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel, First Dates at Christmas, Strictly the Real Full Monty, Jamie: Together at Christmas and World's Strongest Man. (AD) 10.35 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meets Mike and Sarah, a couple planning to build a 2lst-century version of a historic longhouse. (AD)

11.35 24 Hours in Police Custody
Police are called in after a complaint of
sexual assault from a man who met someone
on the dating app Grindr. Shown 9pm C4
1.05am 24 Hours in Police Custody 2.05 Gogglebox
(AD) 3.40-4.40am London Zoo at Christmas (AD)

(AD) **3.40–4.40am** London Zoo at Christmas (AD) **4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest

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**6.00am** Legend of Croc Gold **7.00** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **9.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11.00** The Hotel Inspector **12 noon** The Repair Shop **3.00pm** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **4.00** The Hotel Inspector: the Walkout (AD) **5.00** Find ft, Fix It, Flogi It **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop: a child's chair, a musical wedding album and a mechanical children's ride **10.00** Outback Opal Hunters **11.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **1.00am** The Strangest UFO Stories of All Time **2.00** World's Top Five **3.00** Airplane Repo **4.00–5.00am** How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





**Bangers and Cash** 4.00pm Dave picks up an iconic Ford Fiesta XR2

**6.10am** Underground Worlds **8.00** Nazi Hunters **10.00** The World at War 4.00pm Bangers and Cash Dave's on his way to Grimsby to pick up an iconic 80s fast Ford, the Mk1 Fiesta XR2. **5.00** Derek gets a tour of Hadlow Castle in ent when he arrives to collect a pre-war Alvis **6.00** Derek is picking up two expertly crafted Batmobile replicas in the Home Counties. 7.00 Paul picks up a stunning 1961 Vauxhall
Cresta, inspired by American design. (AD)
8.00 'Allo 'Allo! The British airmen are
captured while paddling down the estuary, so René and the Resistance launch a rescue plan. 8.40 Herr Flick and Von Smallhausen prepare to meet their maker as they face a firing squad. 9.20 Von Klinkerhoffen orders René and Edith to dress up as Hitler and Goering. 10.00 Bangers and Cash A widow reluctantly parts with her husband's treasured collection of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys 11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring Seodaemun Prison, a facility in Seoul that helped spawn a legend known as South

Korea's Joan of Arc. (AD)

12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00-3.00am
The Architecture the Railways Built: double bill (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129
+1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



**7.10am** Mega Air **8.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy **9.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **11.00** Top Gear: double bill (AD)

**1.00pm** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special (AD) **2.00** Full Custom Garage **4.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **5.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy: double bill

6.00pm Turkey with Simon Reeve
The presenter travels to Ankara.
7.00 New. Border Force: America's
Gatekeepers Cocaine is found in a truck.
8.00 QI With Alan Davies, Gyles Brandreth,
Susan Calman and Jessica Fostekew.
8.40 With guests Sara Pascoe, Josh
Widdicombe and Benjamin Zephaniah.
9.20 Hosted by Sandi Toksvig.

10.00 Live at the Apollo Sara Pascoe hosts the 2019 Christmas edition. Chris McCausland and musical comedy sisters Flo and Joan to the stage.

11.00 QI Ed Gamble, Lou Sanders and

Sindhu Vee join regular Alan Davies on the comedy panel quiz with a difference.

11.40 QI XL Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman and Matt Lucas take part in a festive special.

12.45am Mock the Week 2.15 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 3.05-4.00am Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

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**6.00am** Border Patrol **8.00** Highway Patrol: six editions (AD) **11.00** 999 Frontline 12 noon Neighbourhood Blues 1.00pm Caught Red Handed: triple bill **3.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line: four editions of the series 5.00 Caught on Dashcam 7.00pm Agatha Raisin: the sleuth finds herself the prime suspect in a murder case (AD) 9.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer: experts analyse sand found in a car after a man goes missing, leading them to a twisted murder case (AD) **10.00 FILM** Battle Royale ★★★★ Futuristic action thriller starring "Beat" Takeshi. A group of schoolchildren are forced to kill one another as a lesson to society's disobedient youth. Japanese +subtitles (W) 12 midnight The Real Manhunter (AD) 1.00am Mark of a Serial Killer **2.00** Motorway Patrol: four editions **4.00–6.00am** Border Patrol Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 Columbosix episodes of the crime drama with Peter Falk 7.10pm Jesse Stone: Thin Ice: a New England police chief under investigation over a shoot-out defies the town council to help a woman find her missing child 9.00 War of the Worlds Series 3. Triple bill. Bill's latest discovery is jeopardised and Catherine must decide where her loyalties lie 10.00 Adina's plan for world destruction is nearing completion 11.05 The world's last hope is for Bill to make one more journey 12.05am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill 1.55 Murder, She Wrote: a TV sports personality is murdered 2.55 Lucífer 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)
+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



8.00am GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD)
1.00pm Traffic Cops: four episodes
5.00pm Police Interceptors Three police
units unite to stop an out-of-control 4x4.
6.00 A suicidal man is spotted on the wrong
side of a guardrail on an M25 footbridge.
7.00 The team tracks three men suspected
of burgling a string of plumbers' merchants.
8.00 Paul puts a halt to a cannabis grower's
plans and Andy proves his mettle on a raid.

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9.00 FILM Edge of Tomorrow ★★★
Sci-fi action drama starring Tom Cruise and
Emily Blunt. After being killed on his first day
of combat in a war against aliens, Major
William Cage finds himself in a time loop,
living the same day over and over again.
Gaining more knowledge each time he is
killed, Cage realises that the key to victory
is for him to keep on dying. Review page 67.

11.15 Neighbours at War: Caught on Camera
The use of CCTV to fight crime

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11.15 Neighbours at War: Caught on Camera
The use of CCTV to fight crime.
12.15am Cops 'n' Robbers: Caught on Camera
1.15 101 Near Misses 2.10 Revenge: Emily's life is on the line 2.55–3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell (AD) 10.00 New.
Wrestling: WWE SmackDown and Raw
12 noon Winter Road Rescue 12.35pm
Police Interceptors 2.40 FILM Springfield
Rifle \*\* Western starring Gary Cooper
4.45 FILM The Naked Spur \*\*\*
Western starring James Stewart

6.35pm FILM The Glenn Miller Story

\*\*\*\* Musical biographical drama, starring
James Stewart and June Allyson. When the
young Glenn Miller leaves university, he finds
work as a musician on Broadway. Eventually
he forms his own band and begins searching
for the elusive sound that will make him a
household name around the world.

9.00 FILM Exit Wounds ★★ Action drama starring Steven Seagal. Detroit detective Orin Boyd uncovers corruption that leads straight back to police headquarters.

11.05 FILM Bonded by Blood 2 ★ Crime drama starring Sam Strike and George Russo. The next generation of Essex boys work for a drug dealer while trying to evade the law. 1.00am Outback Truckers 2.05–3.00am Police Interceptors: an officer busts a gang of van thieves

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5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 Cruising with Jane McDonald 9.25 FILM A Glenbrooke Christmas ★★ 11.10 FILM 'Tis the Season to Be Merry ★★ 1.00pm Inside Hamleys at Christmas 2.00 The Toy Hospital 6.00pm Sandringham: the King at

**6.00pm Sandringham:** The King at Christmas A look at how King Charles and the royal family will be spending Christmas. **7.00 Hampton Court: behind Closed Doors** Henry VIII's magnificent palace opens its doors to celebrate the season.

8.00 The Best Christmas Telly Ever!
A look at what makes up the perfect
Christmas Day viewing schedule.

10.00 Freddie Mercury: in His Own Words A profile of the Queen frontman. 12 midnight Michael Barrymore: Rise and Fall of Mr Saturday Night: the entertainer's career 1.30-3.00am Funniest Ever Christmas TV Cock-Ups

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Skv 503 Virgin 601 Skv News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Skv 501 Virgin 603 EE 313



# **SUNDAY Freeview & films**



Nothing like the Holidays 6.00pm Seasonal tensions

6.20am Inside the Ambulance 6.45 Celebrity Tipping Point 8.40 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 9.40 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey (AD) **10.40** Nigella's Christmas Table **12 noon FILM** The Holiday Tree ★★ Drama (W) **1.50pm** My Family (AD) 4.30 Miranda (AD)

6.00pm Nothing like the Holidays ★★★ Comedy drama starring Alfred Molina. With a son returning from the war in Irag, tensions rise to the surface for the Rodriguez family. (W)

8.10 Outnumbered Christmas edition from 2012. The Brockmans do their bit for the community. (AD)

9.00 My Family The 2009 festive special, set in December 2039.

10.20 Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends Louis arranges a bizarre festive gathering. (AD)

11.40 Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe Exotic Louis revisits America's Most Dangerous Pets. (AD)

**1.35am** One Born Every Minute **2.35–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### **HGTV**

7.00am My Lottery Dream Home **10.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 1.00pm Best in Miniature 3.00 A Place in the Sun 6.00pm A Place in the Sun: two editions. A couple from Dorset look for their dream home in St Lucia with sea views, two bedrooms and a contemporary style 7.00 Helping a Scottish couple search for a four-bedroom home with a pool on Florida's Gulf Coast 8.00 A Place in the Sun: five further editions of the property show that offers advice to house-hunters looking for a permanent or holiday home abroad **1.00am** Fixer Upper: the Hotel: an issue with the lift threatens to delay the team's progress (AD) 1.30 Fixer Upper:

behind the Design **2.00–4.00am** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

#### **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 The Avengers (BW) 9.30 A Bit of a Do 10.45 FILM Geordie ★★★ 12.45pm FILM A Place of One's Own ★★★ (BW) 2.45 FILM A Dog Named Christmas ★★ 4.45 FILM Candlelight in Algeria ★★ Wartime spy drama (BW) 6.30 Tabernacle Choir: Music and Words 7.00 Otters and the Exotic Pet Trade 8.00 The Avengers (BW) **9.15** Murder Maps 10.15 The Irish Mob 11.15 Dangerous Davies: the Last Detective

**1.30am FILM** The Painted Smile ★ Crime drama **2.45** London Districts 3.15 Big City Life 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

don Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



Tom Kerridge's Christmas **Dinner** 7.00pm Roast turkey

6.00am Guy's Ranch Kitchen **6.30** Guy's Big Bite **7.00** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdowr **8.00** Buddy vs Christmas **10.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love **11.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas **12 noon** Gok Wan's Easy Asian: Christmas Special 1.00pm James Martin's Christmas Feasts **1.30** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **4.00** Jamie's Festive Feast **5.00** Jamie's Cracking Christmas **6.00** Jamie's Night Before Christmas **7.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **8.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love: with Christopher Biggins and Brian Turner **9.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas: Mary Berry visits Harewood House as the staff prepare for Christmas 10.00 Gok Wan's Easy Asian: Christmas Special: Gok shares his best recipes for a sumptuous Christmas Day feast 11.00 New. Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: Alex Guarnaschelli prepares an Italian showdown 12 midnight Buddy's Big Bakedown 1.00am Guy's Big Bite 2.00–3.00am Cake Wars Christmas: Santa's Makeover Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 11.00 ırder, She Wrote: seven episodes 6.00pm Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. Jessica investigates the murder of a fellow writer **7.00** The sleuth runs into an old friend 8.00 A TV sports personality is murdered **9.00** An Emma Fielding Mystery: Past Malice **10.50** Fixer Upper Mysteries: Framed for Murder 12.40am Castle 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint: a British agent is kidnapped 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Highway to Heaven 4.50–5.00am Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 12 noon Something's Killing Me **2.00pm** Medical Detectives: a banker's wife is kidnapped 2.30 A man claims to have no memory of his crime 3.00 A house fire is revealed to be no accident **3.30** Forensic advances help solve a cold case 4.00 A hitand-run accident 4.30 A house fire is investigated **5.00** Judge Judy **12.05am** World's Most Unexplained... **1.00** Psychic Private Eyes **4.00** Something's Killing Me **5.30–6.00am** Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall 11.00 House of Lords 12.30pm Scottish Parliament 1.30 Senedd Cymru: Welsh Parliament 2.30 House of Commons 3.05 House of Lords 3.40 PMQs 4.15 Scottish FMQs **5.00** Welsh FMQs **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** House of Commons 12.35am House of Lords 1.10 Scottish Parliament 2.10 House of Lords 3.40 PMQs 4.15 Scottish FMQs 5.00-6.00am Welsh FMQs

**BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America 84



Kokoda: the Spirit Lives 7.45pm With Patrick Lindsay

6.00am Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines **9.40** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **1.00pm** 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines: the story of the men of the famed 1st Marine Division, narrated by Jon Seda **2.15** Kokoda: the Spirit Lives 4.15 Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis

6.30pm Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis 3/3 Charting the escalation of the forced labour system.

7.45 Kokoda: the Spirit Lives How under-equipped Australian troops held out against Japanese invaders in the Kokoda campaign of 1942.

9.45 Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest Douglas A Blackmon looks back at school desegregation in Mississippi.

12 midnight 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 as 7.45pm 3.30 Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest 5.25-6.00am Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only)

Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am WW2 Treasure Hunters 8.00 Digging for Britain 10.00 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies 11.00 Alien Files: Unsealed **12 noon** Strange Evidence **2.00pm** Weird or What? With William Shatner: six editions 8.00 River Hunters: lost weaponry from the 14th-century battles between the English and the Scots 9.00 History's Greatest Mysteries: Lord Mersey's investigation into the 1912 Titanic disaster 11.00 The Proof Is Out There: double bill. How rock paintings discovered in India might be proof of an ancient visitation, then the team looks into a new sighting of Sasquatch in the trees of California 12 midnight Secrets in the Ice 2.00am Weird or What? With William Shatner 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am Scrapheap Challenge **10.00** Bullseye **12 noon** Family Fortunes (AD) **1.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal: a pair of ballet shoes that belonged to Margot Fonteyn 2.00 Catchphrase 3.00 Cash Trapped **5.00** Tenable: double bill. Five colleagues from a dental practice in Birmingham answer questions on Christmas films, Italian cities and Take That singles, then five work colleagues from Gateshead play the game 7.00 The Chase 9.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: Dancing on Ice judge Jason Gardiner, Pussycat Doll Ashley Roberts, Birds of a Feather star Linda Robson and I'm a Celebrity... winner Christopher Biggins put their heads together to win money for charity. Bradley Walsh presents **10.00** The Chase **12 midnight–6.00am** The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

# CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Sesame Street Mecha Builders 6.40 Pirata & Capitano 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & 6.50 Fireman sam 7.00 Inomas & Friends: Big World! Big Adventures! 7.15 Peppa Pig 7.35 Paw Patrol 7.55 The Adventures of Paddington 8.15 Mixmups 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 New. Pop Paper City: the friends are riding along an amazing bicycle trail **9.00 New.** Meet the Experts Penelope talks about the art of origami 9.10 Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.20-9.45am New. Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p64

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos **6.20** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.35** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.30** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.25 Chuggington 8.35 Bitz & Bob 8.45 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 9.20 Bluey 9.35 Hey Duggee 9.50 Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His Amazing Friends 10.25 Room on the Broom 10.50 CBeebies Presents 11.40 Colours 11.45 Dog Squad 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.10pm IC an Do It, You Can Too 12.25 Hey Duggee 12.40 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetter 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.50 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits

2.00 Something Special: We're All
Friends 2.20 I Can Do It, You Can Too

2.35 Molly and Mack 2.50

Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake 3.10 Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake 3.10 Supertato 3.15 JoJo & Gran Gran 3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.40 GiggleQuiz 3.55 Musical Storyland 4.05 Magic Hands 4.15 Olga Da Polga 4.30 Supertato 4.35 Bluey 4.45 Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale 5.10 Molly and Mack 5.30 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Sarah & Duck 5.50 Charlie and Lola 6.05 To and Mac 6.10 and Lola **6.05** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden. **6.50–7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

#### **CBBC**

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 7.25 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!
7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Ninja
Express 8.05 Odd Squad 8.15
Oswaldo 8.30 The Dengineers 9.00
Blue Peter 9.30 FILM The Boss Baby
\*\* Animated comedy featuring the
voice of Alec Baldwin (W) 10.55 Danger Mouse 11.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 11.45 The Football Academ 12.15pm Deadly Mission Shark 12.45 FILM Horrible Histories: the Movie

— Rotten Romans ★★ Historical
comedy spin-off from the popular CBBC TV show, starring Sebastian Croft and Emilia Jones (W) 2.10 Sketchy Comedy 2.15 Octonauts Specials 3.25 Operation Ouch! 4.25 Deadly Mission Shark 4.50 The Zoo: Yoyo the penguin suffers an idnetity crisis 5.05 Total Dramarama 5.45 Malory Towers **6.10pm** The Next Step **6.35–7.00pm** Transformers EarthSpark: Twitch and

Thrash are left wondering if they are the only two Terrans in the universe CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 6.00am DC Super Hero GITS 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Looney Tunes Cartoons 6.40 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.35–9.00am Scooby-Doo in Where's My Mummy?: adventure in which the gang head to Egypt and discover the hidden tomb of Cleopatra

**9.00am** Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### **FILMS**

#### Film4

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11.00am Ice Age: Collision Course
★★ Diverting prehistoric animated
comedy. Ray Romano (2016, U) (S) (AD)

**12.50pm Tooth Fairy** ★★★ Energetic and fun fantasy comedy in which a washed-up ice hockey star has to spend a week as a tooth fairy. Dwayne Johnson (2009, PG) (S) (AD)

2.55 The Karate Kid Part II \*\* Pat Morita teaches his protégé new tricks in this familiar martial arts adventure sequel. (1986, PG) (S)

5.05 Shrek Forever After ★★★ Clever final episode in the fantasy comedy series, in which Shrek falls foul of scheming Rumpelstiltskin and sees his world descend into chaos, Mike Myers (2010, U) (S) (AD)

6.55pm Daddy's Home Two ★★★ Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg face down their fathers in this festive comedy sequel that aims for slapstick mayhem and occasionally hits it. (2017, 12) (S) (AD)

#### 9.00 The Iceman ★★★

True-crime thriller, with Michael Shannon as a family guy who leads a double life as a New Jersey hitman. Winona Ryder (2012, 15) (S)

11.10 Zombieland: Double Tap ★★ Horror comedy sequel, with inventive visuals and soany plot twists. Woody Harrelson (2019, 15) (S) (AD)

1.05-4.00am Born on the Fourth of July \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Powerful biopic of Ron Kovic, a gung-ho US soldier who became an anti-war activist. Tom Cruise (1989, 18) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Streamline Express ★★ Mediocre multi-story melodrama set on board a train. Evelyn Venable (1935) (S) **7.10 Gaolbreak** ★ Down-at-heel crime story. Peter Reynolds (1962, 12) (S) 8.25 Up River ★★ A man trying to

build a new life faces hostility in this routine western. Morgan Stevens (1979) (S) 10.15 Beneath the 12-Mile Reef ★★ Amiable adventure about warring fishing families. Robert Wagner (1953, U) (S) **12.20pm Pony Soldier** ★★ Tyrone Power plays a Mountie on a mission in this western. (1952, U) (S) **2.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood** 

TV drama. (S) 2.30 The Larkins
TV sitcom. (S) 3.10 Lost Lagoon \*\* So-so romantic melodrama. Jeffrey Lynn (1957, U) (S) **5.00 The Footage Detectives** Vintage TV clips. (S) 6.00pm Tell Me Another Celebrity chat show. (S)

6.30 A Day Begins in Manchester TV documentary. 6.55 Christmas Lights TV comedy drama with Robson Green. (S) 8.25 Girls! Girls! Girls! \*\*\*

Enjoyable Elvis Presley musical. Stella Stevens, Jeremy Slate (1962, U) 9.00 Manhunt TV war drama. (S)

10.05 Sex Education TV drama. 10.35 The Facts of Life ★★★ Two lovers desperately want to consummate their affair in this bawdy comedy. Bob Hope (1960) (S)

12.40am The Cat Burglar \*\*\* Enjoyable crime yarn in which a petty thief steals a briefcase containing a top secret notebook. Jack Hogan (1961) (S)

2.00 The Main Chance TV drama. 3.00 The Heritage Chart Show with Mike Read TV music show.
4.05 The Golden Disc ★ Soggy British musical. Lee Patterson (1958, U) (S) 5.40-6.00am Talking Pictures with Terry Dene Interview.

B Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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#### Great Movies 34

9.10am Deck the Heart ★★ We all need some festive sparkle. Ashley Brinkmar (2021) 11.25 Christmas Angel \*\* The house where wishes come true. Izabela Vidovic (2012) **1.45pm Magic in the Water** ★★★ Charming family film. Mark Harmon (1995, PG) **4.05** Speed **2:** Cruise Control ★★ Sandra Bullock and Jason Patric are up against computer genius Willem Dafoe. (1997, PG)

6.35pm Vertical Limit ★★ A mountaineer's sister goes missing on a climb in this watchable action adventure, Chris O'Donnell (2000, 12)

9.00 The Expendables 3 \*\*\* Wisecracking, star-packed "geriaction" thriller led by Sly Stallone. Mel Gibson, Jason Statham (2014, 12)

11.35 The Devil's Own ★★ Uneven thriller about a cop who befriends an Irishman, unaware that he's an IRA member on a mission. Harrison Ford (1997, 15)

2.00am Nanny Seduction ★★ An adopted girl vanishes in this mystery drama that's full of secrets and lies Austin Highsmith Wes Brown (2017) 4.00-5.40am Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Haunted by Murder

**Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Hell in Normandy \*\* Engaging war drama. Guy Madison (1968) **10.05 Wild Wind** ★★ A daring raid on a Nazi train. George Montgomery (1985)

11.55 Suicide Mission ★★ Realistic true-story war drama Leif Larsen (1954 II) 1.25pm Battle of the Coral Sea ★★ PoW Cliff Robertson must escape. (1959, PG) **3.15 Bitter Victory** ★★ An assault on Rommel's HQ. Review p77. Richard Burton (1957, PG) 5.20 Fort Ti r★ Ranger George Montgomery takes on the French, (1953, U)

6.55pm The Commandos Strike at Dawn ★★ Flagwaver about a Norwegian fisherman. Paul Muni (1942) 9.00 A Dangerous Man \*\* Preposterous but energetic Steven Seagal vehicle. Marlaina Mah (2009, 18)

11.05 Beyond the Law ★★ Three men take justice into their own hands. Steven Seagal (2019, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

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1.00am How I Spent My Summer Vacation ★★★ Criminal Mel Gibson forms an alliance with a young boy in a Mexican prison, Daniel Giménez Cacho (2012, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Christmas Cookies \*\* eet small-town tale. Wes Brown (2016) 10.00 Christmas Makeover \*\* Fun romcom. Lily Anne Harrison (2018)

12 noon A Bride for Christmas ★★ She can't seem to find Mr Right Arielle Kebbel (2012) **2.00pm A Husband** for Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy drama starring Vivica A Fox. (2016) 4.00 Married by Christmas ★★

Frantic romance, April Bowlby (2016) 6.00pm Marry Me at Christmas \*\* A wedding planner is swept off her feet. Rachel Skarsten, Trevor Donovan (2017)

8.00 Runaway Christmas Bride ★★ Does he only want her for her money? Cindy Busby, Travis Milne (2017)

10.00 A Christmas Wedding Date ★★ Undemanding romcom with a touch of Groundhog Day. (2012, PG)

12 midnight My Christmas Fiancé ★★ A young chef helps her boss avoi marriage. (2022) **2.00am** Highway to helps her boss avoid Heaven 3.00–5.00am A Joyous Christmas ★★ A self-help author has a change of heart. Natalie Knepp (2017)

**Great Movies Christmas Freeview** 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### **Sky Premiere**

**6.50am** As 4.45pm **8.25** As 12.15am **10.20 The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan** ★★★★ Vivid and exciting swashbuckling action adventure. François Civil (2023, 15) **12.30pm** As 10.15pm **2.30** As 8pm **4.45** Mummies ★★★ Breezv animated comedy in which Egyptian mummies leave the afterlife. Joe Thomas (2023, U) **6.20pm Genie** ★★★ Clever festive with Melissa McCarthy as a magical being assigned to help a workaholic dad at Christmas. (2023, PG) 8.00 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★★ The superhero faces a fearsome trio in this action-packed sequel. Review p47. Zachary Levi (2023, 12) 10.15 The Machine ★★ A drunken stay in Russia catches up with a comedian 20 years later in this action comedy, Bert Kreischer (2023, 15) 12.15am The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★ Gentle British drama about a retiree who sets out on a 500-mile hike. Jim Broadbent (2023, 12) 2.15 Dance First: a Life of Samuel **Beckett** ★★ Lacklustre biopic with Gabriel Byrne. (2023, 12) 4.05 As 10.20am **5.50** Sky Cinema Preview

#### Legend

**Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

**7.00am** World's Most Unexplained.. **8.00 Descent** ★★ Supervolcanoes threaten the Earth. Luke Perry (2005) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: five back-to-back episodes **3.00pm** Post Impact ★★ A meteorite causes a new ice age. Dean Cain (2004)

**4.50 Lancaster Skies** ★★ Uneven micro-budget homage to Britain's bomber crews during the Second World War. Jeffrey Mundell (2019, PG)

6.50pm The Purple Plain ★★★ Gregory Peck runs into trouble in wartime Burma in this classy and impressively shot drama. (1954, PG)

9.00 It Came from Outer Space Outstanding sci-fi drama about stranded aliens trying to get home. Richard Carlson (1953, PG)

10.35 The Creature Walks among Us ★★ Third Black Lagoon outing that finds the Gillman transformed into an air-breather, Jeff Morrow (1956, 12)

12.10am War on the Range ★★ Conventional but nicely cast western. James Badge Dale, Ethan Embry (2015, 15)

2.10-4.30am Sea of Love \*\*\* Tough, sexually charged mystery thriller. Al Pacino, Ellen Barkin (1989, 18) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

#### Legend Xtra 69

8.00am 6-Headed Shark Attack series that follows the deadly exploits of mega-sharks. Brandon Auret (2018.15) 10.00 Arctic Apocalypse ★★ A family fights to survive the onset of a new ice age in this confusing disaster movie. Lauren Esposito (2019) 12 noon Fire Serpent \*\* Hokey sci-fi horror about a fireman fighting a solar alien that's lurking on Earth. Nicholas Brendon (2007) 2.00pm **Jory** ★★★ Coming-of-age western with Robby Benson as a boy who hooks up with a cattle driver when his father is killed. John Marley (1972, PG) 4.00pm Star Trek TV sci-fi drama starring William Shatner.

9.00 Reasonable Doubt ★★ Intriguing thriller in which innocent Samuel L Jackson is prosecuted by a corrupt lawyer. Dominic Cooper (2014, 15)

10.55 The Golem ★★★ Gory period horror that sees a griefstricken Jewish mother summon a violent protector to defend her community. Hani Furstenberg (2018, 15) 1.00-2.50am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

# FILM REVIEWS



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#### Bridge of Spies $\star\star\star\star$

10.00pm-12.15am **BBC2** (not in N Ireland)

SPY THRILLER Steven Spielberg's true-life Cold War film stars Tom Hanks as insurance lawyer James B Donovan, who agrees to represent a man accused of spying for the Soviets (an Oscar-winning Mark Rylance). When two Americans are captured behind the Iron Curtain, Donovan heads to Berlin to negotiate a prisoner exchange. The shift between the glow of America and the grey of Berlin is a little crude, but the movie is sumptuously shot with plenty of eve-catching detail and Spielberg finds humour among the subterfuge. EMMA SIMMONDS (US 2015, violence, swearing, col/BW, HD)

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#### **Monsters vs Aliens** 8 \*\*\*\*

1.40-3.35pm C4

**ANIMATION** Five freaks of nature are released from US government security to stave off an alien invasion in this animated love letter to creature features. The focus is mainly on Susan (voiced by Reese Witherspoon), who is hit by a meteor and grows into the huge Ginormica. For sci-fi buffs, the numerous references will prove delicious. ALAN JONES (US 2009, HD)

### Deck the Halls ★★

3.35-5.25pm **C4** 

**COMEDY** There's little in the way of Christmas cheer in this mean-spirited romp, which sees uptight yuletide fanatic Matthew Broderick finding his Mr Christmas title challenged by new happy go-lucky neighbour Danny DeVito. Ludicrous oneupmanship ensues as the duo go head to head, and this at least keeps boredom at bay. AJ (US 2006, HD)

**Dolittle** ★ 4.05-5.35pm **BBC1** (starts 3.35pm in Wales)

FANTASY Robert Downey Jr stars in this latest feature outing for Hugh Lofting's animal-friendly medic. Emma Thompson, Rami Malek and Tom Holland are among the talents voicing the various

computer-generated critters, but writer/director Stephen Gaghan fatally forgets to inject proceedings with that vital sense of fun. TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2019, HD)

#### The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★

5.25-7.20pm **BBC2** (starts 4.55pm in Wales)

**COMEDY DRAMA** Offering another irresistible swirl of life lessons and local Indian colour, this is a worthy sequel to the crowd-pleasing original film. Hotel co-manager Dev Patel's dreams of expansion get in the way of his marriage plans, while Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and Celia Imrie navigate their own romantic complications with chemistry and charm. AJ (US/UK 2015, some swearing, HD)

#### Men in Black ★★★★ 5.40-7.25pm **C4**

**COMEDY** This blockbuster hit stars Tommy Lee Jones as the agent who recruits cop Will Smith into a secret organisation responsible for regulating all alien activity on Earth. Great special effects, inventive alien designs and the leads' hilarious double act make director Barry Sonnenfeld's buddy picture a zippy pleasure. Followed by sequel Men in Black 2. AJ (US 1997, edited for violence, language, HD)

#### The Blind Side ★★★★ 8.00-10.40pm ITVBe

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**DRAMA** This heartfelt true story is based on the life of Michael Oher, who grew up nealected but went on to become an American football star. Sandra Bullock won an Oscar for playing the wealthy, white southern Christian who bucks convention to shelter, educate and love the homeless black teenager. who is portrayed by Quinton Aaron. KAREN KRIZANOVICH (US 2009, may be edited for content, HD)

#### Edge of Tomorrow ★★★ 9.00-11.15pm 5 Star

**ACTION** A great idea props up this alien-invasion flick. Tom Cruise plays a cowardly PR man who is packed off to fight on the front and is promptly killed. Instead of remaining dead, he wakes up 24 hours prior and is forced to play out the Groundhog Day scenario again and again. Director Doug Liman gives the movie a thrilling momentum, even if the action builds to an anticlimax. ANDREW COLLINS (US 2014, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Cape Fear ★★★★ 12.30-2.30am BBC1

THRILLER This remake of the 1962 classic stars Robert De Niro as a convicted rapist who is released from iail and sets about tormenting his former attorney, Nick Nolte. Jessica Lange and Juliette Lewis co-star as Nolte's imperilled wife and daughter. De Niro's performance is wildly over the top, but Martin Scorsese directs with his usual exuberant style. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1991, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

Arthur Christmas ★★★ 12.20-2.15pm Sky Christmas Festive animated romp. (2011, U) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

#### The NeverEnding Story \*\*\*

6.45-8.30pm **Sky Family** A young boy is drawn into a wondrous fantasy world. (1984, U) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

#### Allied ★★★

8.00-10.10pm Sky Hits Can Brad Pitt trust his new bride Marion Cotillard? (2016, 15) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# **SUNDAY**

# Satellite, cable

#### Sky Showcase



The Polar Express 5.00pm All aboard a magical train

6.00am Extreme Animals: One Wild Day (AD) 9.00 The Simpsons 11.00 How to Train Your Dragon Homecoming (AD) **11.30** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 12.30pm Whale with Steve Backshall 1.40 FILM Johnny English ★★ Spy comedy adventure with Rowan Atkinson (W) **3.30** The Unofficial Science of Home Alone (AD)

5.00pm The Polar Express ★★★ Animated fantasy with Tom Hanks. On Christmas Eve, a boy discovers a magical train destined for the North Pole. (AD) (W)

7.00 Elf ★★★★ Comedy fantasy starring Will Ferrell.
Raised by Santa's helpers,
human infant Buddy resolves to find his real father. (AD) (W)

9.00 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians head to Lapland, where they try

their luck at a range of Christmas themed tasks featuring elves, reindeer, vuletide magic and Santa Claus. See page 60. (AD)

10.00 Micky Flanagan: an' another Fing Live A stand-up show from London's O2 Arena.

12 midnight Saturday Night Live **1.30am** Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s (AD) **3.30** Road Wars Christmas Special **4.30–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted US **7.00** Most Haunted **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Primeval **4.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise

**6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise 12/26** Series 2. While hiding from a radioactive storm, the crew members are targeted by aliens who threaten to turn their safe haven into a death trap.

**7.00** 13/26. Trip is stranded on the dark side of a moon, where he is forced to work with an alien to survive the imminent sunrise. 8.00 14/26. The crew attends an interspecies medical conference. where Dr Phlox tries to learn about

a potentially fatal Vulcan disease.

9.00 Carrie ★★★ Horror remake starring Chloë Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore. Shy teen Carrie White is bullied by her classmates and oppressed by her fanatically religious mother. But Carrie has a hidden power – she is able to move things with her mind.

**10.50 Train 11/12.** Do-Won returns to his world after getting shot by his suspect. In World B, Seo-kyung discovers an unexpected clue. 12.05am 11/12. Do-Won saves Mi-Sook, but she points a gun at Seo-Kyung. Do-Son is forced to make a difficult decision.

1.25 FILM Robotapocalypse ★ Sci-fi action thriller starring Tito Ortiz and Katalina Viteri **3.05** Stargate SG-1: double bill **5.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Band of Brothers 9.00pm Winters leads an attack

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel ecrets (AD) 9.00 The Affair (AD) 2.25pm True Blood 3.30 Billions (AD)

**5.40pm Billions 11/12** Series 3. Axe determines his employees' worth at the year-end "comp" meetings. **6.50 12/12.** Axe dominates a capital raise event, but is challenged by an unexpected competitor. **7.55** 1/12 Series 4. The bitter feud between Bobby Axelrod and Chuck Rhoades appears to be over, but new opponents rising may threaten their alliance. (AD)

9.00 Band of Brothers 2/10 Winters rallies the troops during the hellish confusion of the Normandy landings, and is later chosen to lead an attack on a fortified German artillery position.

10.05 The Staircase 3/8. In the months before Kathleen's death. Michael leads a double life, as the Petersons struggle financially. (AD)

**11.15 Watchmen 2/9.** Angela is plagued by memories of an attack on her family. Meanwhile, a mysterious figure who claimed responsibility for Tulsa's most recent murder is detained. (AD)

12.20am White House Plumbers (AD) **1.30** In Treatment **2.00 New.** The Gilded Age **8/8** Series 2 Rptd tomorrow 9pm **3.10–6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Cops 8.30 Border Patrol **10.00** Air Ambulance ER 11.00 The Force: Manchester 12 noon Caught Red Handed 2.00pm Nothing to Declare (AD)

6.00pm Nothing to Declare Two further episodes of the fly-on-the-wall documentary series following the work of customs officers in Australia.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam A double bill of seasonal specials featuring footage of disasters, near misses and road incidents captured on dashboard cameras.

9.00 Blue Bloods 12/16

Series 11. Business becomes personal for Frank when Baker is assaulted on the street. Eddie publicly undermines one of Jamie's decisions at work. (AD)

10.00 FBI 18/23 Series 5 When a trucker is gunned down, all the clues point the team to a noted criminal on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists.

11.00 FBI: International 18/22 Series 2. The team protect Forrester when a Russian hitman seeks revenge on him. Meanwhile, Raines is sent into a tailsnin when someone close to him is taken.

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted: the task force investigates when two agents go missing **1.00am**Departure (AD) **2.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime (AD) 3.00-6.00am Nothing to Declare

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### **Sky Max**



**Rob and Romesh vs Lapland** 9.00pm A host of festive tasks

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Little Mix Live: a concert by the pop group at the O2 Arena **9.00** Christmas at the Movies **11.00** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) **12 noon** TV's Greatest Game Shows **2.00pm** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall **3.30** The Unofficial Science of Home Alone (AD)

5.00pm A League of Their Own A festive edition from 2022, with Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman. (AD) **6.00** The 2023 festive special with Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett. (AD)

7.00 Agatha Raisin 1/4 Series 4 Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas for her friends. (AD)

9.00 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians try out a range of Christmasthemed tasks. See page 60. (AD)

10.00 Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice The duo ioin a Disney on Ice show. (AD)

11.00 Rob and Romesh vs Christmas A festive special in which the duo join the circus. (AD) **12 midnight** Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s (AD) **2.00am** New. A League of Their Own: Unseen **Ep 9** Series 18. Repeated tomorrow 11pm **3.00** The Overlap on Tour (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Sun, Sea and A&E **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am Sun, Sea and A&E 9.00 Caught on Dashcam 11.00 Station 19 (AD) **4.00pm** Merlin: five episodes. Morgana succumbs to a mysterious illness **5.00** Arthur falls for a girl, unaware she poses a threat to his life **6.00** The sne poses a threat to his ine 6.00 in example warlock saves a druid boy from capture 7.00 Arthur's uncle returns from the grave 8.00 Bandits attack the village where Merlin's mother lives (AD) 9.00 Christmas Crime UK: four editions. A female employee of a kebab shop is attacked by a customer **9.30** Following local police forces around the country at Christmas **10.00** A fight between two women in a pub escalates

10.30 Police detain two teenagers
for agressive behaviour 11.00 CT

CHOICE Rob and Romesh vs Lapland:
a trip to Lapland. See page 60 (AD) 12 midnight A League of Their Own 3.00-6.00am Four Weddings (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD) **7.00** Highway Patrol **8.30** Caught Red Handed 10.00 Caught on Dashcam 11.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 1.00pm Murdered at First Sight (AD) 2.00 World's Most Evil Killers 3.00 Killer in My Village **4.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation **5.00** World's Most Evil Killers **7.00** Killing Mum and Dad: the case of Anmol Chana (AD) **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: a profile of Geoffrey Evans and John Shaw **9.00** Who Killed Robert Wone **10.20** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 11.15 World's Most Evil Killers **12.10am** Killer in My Village **1.05**Forensics: Catching the Killer **2.05**World's Most Evil Killers **4.00** Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



**Only Fools and Horses** 7.45pm Del and Heather

7.15am The Two Ronnies: Old Fashioned Christmas Mystery 8.10 Citizen Khan (AD) **8.50** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave **9.30** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death **10.05** Dad's Army: the Animations (AD) **10.45** Only Fools and Horses **12.35pm** The Two Ronnies: the 1982 festive special **1.35** Trust Morecambe & Wise 2.35 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 3.10 The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 5.40 Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery (AD)

7.45pm Only Fools and Horses The Christmas special from 1982. Del finds a new girlfriend. (AD)

8.20 Dad's Army: the Animations Captain Mainwaring drills his platoon in fitness. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys A fire at the hair salon leaves Rory and Dino with nowhere to work 9.40 Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas

10.20 The Royle Family Denise interrupts the festive banter by going into labour. (AD)

11.20 Not Going Out Lee's father turns up unannounced. **12 midnight** Upstart Crow: Will and Kate spend Christmas in lockdown **12.40am** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **1.55** Christmas with the Royle Family (AD) 2.50 Not Going Out 3.20-4.00am Mrs Brown's Boys Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### **Sky Comedy**

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 Entourage 1.30pm The Conners 4.00 Will & Grace (AD) 6.30 Breeders: triple bill. A calendar mix-up ruins Paul and Ally's fun night out 7.00 Paul and Ally find themselves parenting Jim and Ally decides to reunite with her antenatal class (AD) **8.00** The Office US: double bill. Dwight and Angela's wedding has a special guest, then Pam has a surprise for Jim **9.00 New.** Saturday Night Live: American sketch show, taking a satirical sideswipe at cultural and political issues 10.30 Micky Flanagan: an' another Fing Live: a stand-up show recorded at London's O2 Arena 12.15am Saturday Night Live 1.30 Veep (AD) 2.00 Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! 3.15 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00–5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Pets 8.35 Most Ridiculous: Dumbest Ever 9.00 The Middle 12.50pm Friends (AD)
5.20 FILM Wayne's World \*\*\*
Comedy starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Teenager Wayne and his best friend Garth broadcast a cable TV show friend Garth broadcast a cable I V show from Wayne's basement. Then an ambitious TV executive believes he can sell it to a sponsor 7.15 FILM Wayne's World 2 \*\*\* Comedy sequel starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey 9.00
FILM Meet the Fockers \*\*\* Comedy sequel starring Robert De Niro and Berstiller 11.20 Rhod Gilbart: the Book of Stiller 11.20 Rhod Gilbert: the Book of John **1.00am** Al Murray: My Gaff, My Rules **2.30** South Park: four episodes 4.15-5.00am The Middle: double bill

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



Death in Paradise 8.00pm Selwyn is in festive mode

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries 7.55 The Murdoch Mysteries Films: Poor Tom Is Cold **9.50** The Murdoch Mysteries Films: Under the Dragon's Tail 11.40 Father Brown (AD) 2.40pm Inspector George Gently (AD) 4.40 Death in Paradise (AD)

6.00pm Death in Paradise 3/8 Series 5. When a promising young model is strangled in the middle of a catwalk show, Humphrey finds himself mixed up in the highly strung world of fashion. 7.00 2/8 Séries 1. A bride is shot through the heart with a spear gun on her wedding day. (AD) **8.00** 9/9 Series 10. A shipping magnate is found dead at a Christmas party. Things get stranger when a man in London receives a mysterious Christmas card connected to the victim's death. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 10/15 Series 3. The priest becomes embroiled in an audacious art heist masterminded by his adversary Flambeau. (AD)

11.00 Murdoch Mysteries: Home for the Holidays Murdoch visits his brother in Victoria, BC, where they investigate a murder connected to an archaeologist.

1.00am Death in Paradise: two episodes (AD) **3.00-4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Bitchin' Rides 12 noon Expedition Unknown 1.00pm Expedition Bigfoot 6.00 Gold Rush: White Water: Dustin's new Nugget
Creek claim is said to hold life-changing deposits of gold **7.00** Land Rush: Danny cuts the logs he needs for his cabin but he can't move them to his site (AD) **8.00 New.** Mark Rober's Revengineers: double bill, Mark and the team seek revenge on thoughtless office workers, then unleash a police robot targeting double parkers (AD) 9.00 Wild Costa Rica: looking at Costa Rica's wildlife **10.00** Wheeler Dealers: Mike surprises Elvis with a Caterham Seven, but the job is bigger than expected (AD) **11.00** Bitchin' Rides: the C10 moves into final assembly (AD) **12 midnight** Alaska: the Last Frontier (AD) **4.00–5.00am** How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried: six editions (AD) 9.00 Combat Dealers 12 noon 3.00pm Combat Dealers: Reloaded 6.00 Mysteries of the Missing: double bill. Terry O'Quinn explores the story of three men who may have escaped Alcatraz in 1962, then a look at the disappearance of a huge cargo ship 8.00 Shed and Buried: four back-to-back editions **10.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: double bill. Metal worker Ted is challenged to repurpose a rusty railway signal light, then taxidermist Chris restores a tope shark and puts it in a beautiful display case 12 midnight Combat Dealers: double bill 2.00–5.00am Combat Dealers: Reloaded: triple bill

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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#### Sky Documentaries



Lance 9.00pm Insights into Lance Armstrong's career

**6.00am** Discovering: Claudia Cardinale (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Walter Matthau (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00 FILM** The Kid Stays in the Picture \*\*\* (W) **11.00** QPR: the Four Year Plan **12.50pm** My Icon: Chris Hughton (AD) 1.00 Be Water 3.00 Pantani: the Accidental Death of a Cyclist **5.00** Williams and Mansell: Red Five (AD)

6.50pm My Icon: Moeen Ali The cricketer speaks about the people that have inspired him. (AD)

7.00 Lockerbie 4/4. A verdict is delivered, but not everyone agrees with the court's decision.

8.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 2/3

A woman starts an online group for others around the world who share similar recollections.

9.00 Lance Drawing on interviews and conversations with Lance Armstrong, this two-part film charts his cycling career. It starts with his early life and his return to the Tour de France after recovering from cancer. Concludes tomorrow 9pm.

10.50 Great Photo, Lovely Life: Facing a Family's Secret
Photojournalist Amanda Mustard
looks into her grandfather's crimes.

1.00am Disgraced (AD) 3.00 FILM The Kingmaker ★★★★ (W) **5.00–6.00am** The Directors

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

#### **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Lords of War 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 10.00 World's Greatest Train Journeys from Above
(AD) **11.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **3.00pm** Valley of the Mummies **4.00** Tut's Treasures: Hidden Secrets 6.00pm RT CHOICE New series.
Lost Cities Revealed with Albert Lin:
Albert investigates a lost kingdom that may reveal how the mysterious Picts were able to foil the Romans' plans to conquer Scotland. **See page 60 7.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **8.00 (T) CHOICE New.** Lost Cities of the Bible: exploring Nineveh and Babylon. **See page 60 9.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **10.00** Lost Nukes of the Cold War: Drain the Oceans (AD)

11.00 Vikings: the Rise and Fall (AD)

2.00am Food Factory USA

2.55–5.00am Food Factory Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

6.00am Evil Genius with Russell Kane: Elf Lyons, Ken Cheng and Sadie Harrison join the host to discuss French fashion designer Coco Chanel 6.55 Brad Meltzer's Decoded 7.45 On a Wing and a Prayer 8.40 Nature Gone Wild 9.10 Pawn Stars 11.50 Storage Wars Canada 7.00 Colosseum: double bill.
Commodus, the son of Marcus Aurelius, steps out of the Imperial Box to risk steps out or the Imperial Box to risk his life in the arena, then by the fourth century AD, Rome is in decline and the Colosseum lies empty 9.00 Mirage Men: how UFO mythology was used to cover up the US's advanced technology 11.00 Storage Wars Capada 11.00 Storage Wars Canada 2.30am Nature Gone Wild 3.00-6.00am Hitler's Gold

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



Whale with Steve Backshall 8.00pm Migratory journeys

6.00am Animals Decoded (AD) **9.00** Land of Gremlins **12 noon New.** Whale with Steve Backshall **1.00pm** Age of the Big Cats (AD) **4.00** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride 5.00 New. Monkey Life

6.00pm World's Most Toxic Animals Lethal creatures in deserts and oceans, including the world's most venomous snake. (AD) **7.00** A look at the golden dart frog that's packed with poison in the South American rainforest. (AD)

8.00 Whale with Steve Backshall Steve encounters whales that face the longest migratory journeys, including a female southern right whale that has travelled to the waters off Argentina to give birth. See p60.

9.00 Woodpeckers: the Hole **Story** Documentary exploring the unique abilities of the woodpecker, revealing what makes this bird so special. Narrated by Paul Giamatti.

10.00 Rare Survivors: China's Iconic Wildlife The creatures of China in their extraordinary and diverse landscape. (AD)

11.00 Monkey Life Double bill of daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset. **12 midnight** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00–6.00am** Woodpeckers: the Hole Story Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am Forbidden History (AD) **6.00pm** Forbidden History: six editions. Historian Klaus Dona feels he's close to rinding treasure under the Philippines

7.00 Scientists try to prove whether
the Turin Shroud is Jesus's burial cloth
8.00 How the Nazis not only plundered
artwork, but also searched for religious
items 9.00 A research team hopes to prove that they've found the remains of Noah's Ark **10.00** Did the ancients possess the ability to create complex crystal skulls? **11.00** Jamie Theakston investigates the Dead Sea Scrolls, visiting the caves where they were discovered to find out who wrote them and why they were hidden (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Forbidden History (AD) 5.30-6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 How Do Animals 8.00am lanked 9.00 How Do Animal Do That? 10.00 My Caf from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Meet the Orangutans 3.00 Meet the Penguins 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked: Brett and Wayde build rapper Ludacris a tank for exotic fish **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees for exotic fish **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters **9.00** Crikeyl It's the Irwins: Bindi and the family plan an emotional surprise for Terri in the Crocoseum **10.00** Edge of Alaska **11.00** Monster Croc Invasion (AD) **12 midnight** Saba and the Rhino's Secret **1.00am** Edge of Alaska **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

#### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

**Sky** 401 **Virgin** 511/HD 501 **EE** 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News 7.30 LIVE International One-Day Cricket South Africa v India from Johannesburg 11.30 LIVE Championship **Football** West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City (kick-off **12.00**). 2.00pm LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v Wolves (kick-off **2.00**); **4.00** Liverpool v Manchester

United at Anfield (kick-off 4.30). 7.30 LIVE World Darts Day three from Alexandra Palace. 11.00 LIVE NFL A week 15 game; 1.15am Jacksonville Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens (kick-off 1.20). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 6.00am League One and Two Goals **6.30** Championship Highlights **8.00** League One and Two Goals **8.30** Championship Highlights **8.45** Women's Super League Football **9.15** Championship Highlights 10.00 League One and Two Goals 10.30 Championship Highlights

11.30 LIVE Championship **Football** West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City (kick-off **12.00**). 2.30pm LIVE German Football

Freiburg v Cologne (kick-off **2.30**); **4.30** Bayer Leverkusen v Eintracht Frankfurt (kick-off 4.30): **6.30** Bayern Munich v Stuttgart (kick-off 6.30).

8.30 Championship Highlights 10.30 Italia 90: Four Weeks That Changed the World (AD) 11.30 Women's Super League 12 midnight League One and Two Goals 12.30am Championship Highlights **2.00** Best Goals **2.30** EFL Trophy Final **3.00** There's Only One Sauzée 3.30 Scottish Premiership **5.00** Best Goals (AD) **5.30–6.00am** EFL Greatest Games (AD)

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

**6.00am** Legends Tour Golf **7.00** Junior European Open **7.30 LIVE European Tour Golf** Day four of the Mauritius Open. **12.30pm** Golf Academy **1.00** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **2.00** Legends Tour Golf **3.00** Golf Academy **3.30** European Tour Golf: Mauritius Open 4.30 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day two of the PNC Championship.

**9.30** European Tour Golf **10.30** Ryder Cup: Official Films **12 midnight** US Open Official Films (AD) 1.00am European Tour Golf **2.00** Playing Lessons (AD) **3.00** European Tour Golf 5.00-6.00am Playing Lessons (AD)

#### Viaplay Sports

12.55-3.00pm LIVE Challenge **Cup Rugby Union** Montpellier v Ospreys at GGL Stadium (ko **1.00**). 2.00-6.00 LIVE Scottish **League Cup Football** Rangers v Aberdeen, the final (kick-off **3.00**).

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Snooker: Scottish Open 7.55 Olympic Games 8.50 Showjumpin 9.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing World Cup, men's 10km class 11.30 LIVE Biathlon World Cup. 12.15pm Cycling 12.45 LIVE Snooker The final of the Scottish Open, first session. 4.00 Cyclo-Cross 6.00 Snooker 6.45 LIVE Snooker The Scottish Open final, concluding session. 10.00 Snooker 12 midnight Alpine Skiing 2.00am Triathlon 3.00 Cycling 5.00-7.00am Snooker



**Champions Cup Rugby** Union 12.30pm TNT Sports 1 Exeter captain Dafydd Jenkins

#### **Sky Premier League**

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Premier League Highlights **10.00** Sky Sports News 1.00pm LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v

Wolves (kick-off 2.00); 4.00 Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield (kick-off 4.30). **7.30** The Big Interview **8.00** Stories **8.30** Match Officials Mic'd Up **9.00** Highlights **3.00–6.00am** Classic Premier League: memorable matches

#### **Sky Cricket**

6.00am Best of England v South Africa 6.30 Talking Cricket (AD) 7.30 LIVE International One-Day Cricket South Africa v India from Johannesburg. 4.00pm Talking Cricket 5.00 Best of England 6.00 International One-Day Cricket 7.00 Into the Light 8.00 Ashes Cricket 10.00 International One-Day Cricket **11.00** Into the Light 12 midnight International One-Day Cricket 1.00am Best of England 2.00 One-Day Cricket 3.00 Talking Cricket (AD) 4.00 Best of England (AD) 5.00-6.00am One-Day Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 6.00am NFL 2.00pm NFL Gameday 5.00 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 15 game (kick-off 6.00): 9.15 The day's second game; 1.15am Jacksonville Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens (kick-off 1.20). 4.30-6.00am NFL

#### **Sky Darts**

6.00am World Darts 12.30pm LIVE World Darts Day three at Alexandra Palace, London. 4.30 World Darts 7.00 LIVE World Darts Day three from Alexandra Palace, London.

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

#### Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

11.00-6.00am World Darts

6.00nm=1.00am LIVE NEL Redzone Live scores and updates.

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413 6.00am Winter Sport 8.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup action from Italy and France. 12 noon Winter Sport 12.15pm LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup, men's giant slalo 1.30 LIVE Biathlon World Cup. 2.30 Winter Sport 8.00 Showjumping 9.00 Winter Sport 12 midnight -Cross **2.00am** Formula 4.00-6.00am British Superbikes

#### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430 6.00am LIVE Australian Football Melbourne City v Central Coast Mariners, men's A-League. **8.00** Women's Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Wrestling (AD) **11.00**Premier League: The Big Interview **11.30** International T20 Cricket 12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Exeter Chiefs v Munster in Pool 3 (kick-off 1.00); 3.00 Harlequins v Toulouse from Twickenham Stoop (kick-off 3.15); 5.30 Stade Français v Leicester gers in Pool 4 (kick-off 5.30). 7.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union 8.30 LIVE NBA San Antonio Spurs v New Orleans Pelicans 11.00 NBA 11.30 UFC 12 midnight Cricket Reload **12.15am** International T20 Cricket **1.15** Test Cricket Highlights 2.15 LIVE Test Cricket Australia

#### coverage on day five from Perth. **TNT Sports 2**

v Pakistan, the fifth and final day

4.30 TNT Sports Cricket Reload

**5.00–7.00am LIVE Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan, continued

of the first Test from Perth.

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431 **6.30am** Football's On **7.30** National League Football **9.30** Italian Football 11.30 LIVE Italian Football AC Milan v Monza (kick-off 11.30). 1.30pm NBA on Fire 2.00 LIVE Italian Football Fiorentina v Hellas Verona. 4.00 International T20 Cricket 5.00 LIVE Italian Football Bologna v AS Roma (kick-off **5.00**).

7.00 National League Football 7.30 LIVE Italian Football Lazio v Inter Milan (kick-off 7.45). 9.45 Europa League Reload **10.00** Champions League Classics **10.30** International One-Day Cricket 12.30-9.30am LIVE

International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan, the final women's ODI from Christchurch. Coverage continues until 9.30am.

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432 7.00am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 7.15 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, first Test, day four. 10.15 TNT Sports Goals Reload 10.30 Champions League Magazine (AD)

11.00 LIVE Australian Football Perth Glory v Sydney FC, A-League Women (kick-off **11.00**). 1.00pm French Football 2.00 LIVE French Football Toulouse v Rennes (kick-off **2.00**); **4.00** Marseille v Clermont Foot. 6.00 Wrestling: WWE action 7.30 LIVE French Football Lille v Paris St Germain (kick-off **7.45**). 9.45 No Filter Football 10.00 Wrestling 11.45 The Football's On 12.45am Europa League Reload 1.00 French Football 5.00–6.00am Women's Premiership Rugby Union

#### **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 5.00am LIVE Badminton World Tour Finals, the finals from China. 10.30 Badminton (AD) 10.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 11.00 Fishing (AD) **12 noon** MotoGP **1.00pm** International One-Day Cricket **2.00** Tennis 4.00 LIVE Tennis The final day of the Ultimate Tennis Showdown. **6.00** Reload **6.15** Cricket Reload 6.30 LIVE Tennis The final day of the Ultimate Tennis Showdown. **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** Wrestling (AD) 10.00 NRA 2.30am MotoGP 3.30 World Rally (AD) **4.30** National League Football **5.00–6.00am** Fishing (AD)





Two years ago, when the BBC announced that Russell T Davies, a writer at the peak of his powers, was returning to *Doctor Who*, the main question being asked was, "Why?" To which any *Doctor Who* fan would reply, "Well, why not?"

It is, after all, the most flexible of TV dramas: someone steps out of a box at the start, goes back into it at the end, and everything in between is thrillingly up for grabs. And no one knows this better than Davies, whose first memory, not just of telly but life itself, is of *Doctor Who* – a series he was devoted to as a child and teenager as the real world and his sexuality percolated in the background.

And that percolation, that synaptic bubbling, is, we sense, essential to Davies's success. He unleashes his often-audacious creativity after years, sometimes decades, of internal planning and lived experiences. Not just with Who, but all his hits, from Queer as Folk through to It's a Sin. And here, in conversation with Alan Yentob, he talks with the passion you would expect of his triumphs and tragedies and time on board the Tardis. DAVID BROWN

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#### **FACTUAL**

#### Château DIY at Christmas 5.00pm c4

Catch up via C4 streaming

Deck *les salons* with boughs of holly. The Gallic renovation series returns for a seasonal run, albeit without Dick and Angel Strawbridge, revealing what it takes to spruce up historic châteaux for Christmas.

There's a veritable festive frenzy in the Loire Valley, as musicians Ben and Billie embark on an ambitious bid to create the tallest Christmas tree in France; down south in the Cévennes National Park, Philip tackles a surprise DIY project for when wife Janet returns; and in Cognac, George and Sarah take a break to tuck into a mouthwatering French festive treat. Continues daily. MICHAEL HOGAN

#### **SITCOM**

#### Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

6.15pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer If the past is a foreign country, its health and safety guidance was beyond Pluto. What defies belief, watching this 70s sitcom now, is seeing Michael Crawford doing all his own stunts. That really is him being dragged behind a Mini, clinging to its roof and being narrowly overflown by a light aircraft. But then his character, Frank Spencer, wasn't just a walking disaster. In this 1975 episode, he was a driving one, too. Some of the studio scenes test the patience a little, but his undying optimism remains endearing. "If I'm successful I could be in the Radio Times," he says, the joke being that, the previous Christmas, he'd been on the cover (see page 11). MARK BRAXTON

#### QUIZ

### Richard Osman's Festive House of Games/ Christmas University

Challenge 7.00pm/8.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Hunker down for a double dose of festive guizzing. First up, Richard Osman, who sets fiendish trivia-based challenges for Radio 2's Richie Anderson, Coronation Street's Simon Gregson, comedian Jessica Knappett and presenter Debbie McGee across the week. Slightly more highbrow but no less fun is the seasonal battle between teams of notable graduates. We kick off with a local derby as King's College London, captained by newsreader Ayshah Tull, take on City University, led by presenter Joe Crowley. MH

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# **ALSO ON TODAY**

# Celebrity Escape to the Country

3.00pm **BBC1**Denise Nurse shows
TV doctor Ranj Singh
round properties
within reach of the
Peak District.

# Aldi's Christmas Secrets

9.00pm **C4**Behind the scenes at the supermarket giant in the run-up to Xmas. Pigs-in-blanket ice cream, anybody?



# Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad

9.00pm **More4**Matt Baker takes
his mum Janice and
dad Mike (left) on a
Christmas trip to York.

# **FACTUAL**

# **DIY SOS: EastEnders**

**Special** 8.00pm (10.40pm N Ireland; not Scotland) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

None of the EastEnders Six is involved in this special edition – loose lips and all that, especially when we're so close to the big reveal. But there is a good mix of wellestablished stars and those relatively new to the soap, all getting busy down in Essex to help create a new building for local mental health hub Butterfly Effect Wellbeing.

Those putting on the hard hats to take direction from Nick Knowles are Perry Fenwick (aka Billy), Natalie Cassidy (Sonia), Gillian Wright (Jean), Scott Maslen (Jack), Colin Salmon (George) and Zaraah Abrahams (Chelsea). Let's hope they can avoid making any duff-duff disasters. **DB** 

### FOOD

# Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts 8.00pm c4

Catch up via C4 streaming
Subtitled "Betwixmas", tonight's
programme is all about tasty ways
to use up Christmas Day leftovers.
Jamie Oliver starts with a sandwich
– although this one, based on an
Italian muffuletta, is the biggest, most
over-stuffed sarnie imaginable.

He also shows us what to do with leftover veg. "Remember, brussels sprouts aren't just for Christmas," he says, but controversially he puts them in a Caesar salad, not bubble and squeak. Spare cranberry sauce, meanwhile, goes into a cocktail. Speaking of which, if you have a drink every time Jamie says "super" ("super-simple", "super-convenient", "super-delicious" etc), you'll soon be under the table. JANE RACKHAM

# QUIZ QI XL

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer If you thought QI might slow down for its festive edition, think again. Not only do we learn all about disgusting scatological Christmas tree traditions and crushed Santa bones, but Sandi Toksvig whips out a chainsaw and a flamethrower to help her craft an ice sculpture to drink vodka from.

Toksvig and regular panellist Alan Davies are joined by Eshaan Akbar, Jo Brand and Jimmy Carr, and as ever, the parlour games are a little more mind-bending than charades. Remember when the show revealed that, scientifically speaking, there's no such thing as a fish, inspiring a hit spin-off podcast of the same name? Well, there's a fact in this episode that's almost as earth-shattering...

**HUW FULLERTON** 

# **LIVE SPORT**



# Football: Championship Birmingham City v Leicester City 7pm (k/o 8pm) Sky Sports Football: 7.30pm Main Event Wayne Rooney (above) is still finding his feet managing Birmingham.

# FILM OF THE DAY

# Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse $\star\star\star\star$

6.45pm **Film4** 

If you reckon cartoons are just for kids, think again: this superhero movie is a feast for the eyes, stylish and soulful, with plenty of humour and a blistering soundtrack. (2018)

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# MONDAY Main Channels

# **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD) 9.15 Animal Park The keepers at Longleat attempt to monitor the reclusive baby red pandas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.00 For Love or Money Including a woman who

invested in a cryptocurrency scheme. (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Frontline Fightback Police forces trial a new

full-body scanner that detects hidden knives. (R) (S) (HD) 11.15 Homes under the Hammer A celebrity special in which Dion Dublin is joined by Toyah Willcox. (S) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Malvern. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Father Brown 9/10 Series 9. A former health-spa employee is found murdered. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas The food writer takes a culinary trip to Norway. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00 New series. Celebrity Escape to the Country 1/5. Helping famous faces decide whether to relocate to the countryside, starting with Dr Ranj Singh. Repeated Friday 7:15am BBC2 (S) (HD)

3.45 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 2/6 In Cumbria, the duo sample mint cake in Kendal and go boating on Lake Windermere. First shown on Gold (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies Quiz. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Catherine Southon and Phil Serrell are on the Essex coast, Shown last Fri BBC1 (S) (HD) 7.15 Make It at Market Featuring a designer of wearable cake shoes. Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 1/3. With guest Oti Mabuse. First shown on BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

**12.15pm Politics Live** News from Westminster. (S) (HD) **1.00 Impossible Celebrities** Contestants include John Hartson, Chesney Hawkes and Lesley Joseph. (R) (S) (HD)

**1.50 Guys and Dolls** ★★★★ Musical comedy starring rank Sinatra, Marlon Brando and Jean Simmons. Frank Sinatra, Marion Digindo did Osan Syoung A gambler bets he can persuade a pious young missionary to have dinner with him. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 77.** (1955, U) (S) (W) (HD)

4.15 A Countryside Christmas Ellie Harrison shares tips on how to help garden wildlife in winter. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.45-5.15 Flog It! Thomas Plant and Catherine Southon value items at London Zoo. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Fashion and showbiz news. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, cookery and celebrity interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Daily discussion. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson relives classic deals, featuring everything from superheroes to a real-life hero. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from Rotherham, Bridgend and Leeds compete in the fast-paced battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

6.00am Come Dine with Me From York. (R) (S) (HD) **6.25 Countdown** With Marcus Brigstocke. (R) (S) (HD) 7.05 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.20 The Big Bang Theory** Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.20 Frasier** Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.20 News** (S) (HD) **11.25 Homegrown Christmas** ★★ Romance starring Lori Loughlin. A businesswoman butts heads with her ex-fiancé when she returns to her home town.

Available to stream for 30 days. (2018) (S) (W) (HD) 1.10pm Jamie's Night before Christmas The chef offers tips and recipes for festive dishes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (S) (HD)

3.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Making sugar craft flowers and miniature decorations. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun** A couple search for a holiday home in Costa Blanca, Spain. (R) (S) (HD)

# BBC<sub>1</sub>

### **EastEnders**

7.30pm Stacey is shocked when she receives a hunch of flowers, but who are they from?



### **5.15pm Pointless Celebrities**

Impressionists Debra Stephenson, Luke Kempner, Jan Ravens, Ronni Ancona, Rory Bremner, Jess Robinson, Steve Nallon and Josh Berry take part. Director Richard van't Riet: Producer James Skinner (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD) 7.00 Panorama

In-depth current affairs documentary covering another major story behind the headlines. (S) (HD)

### 7.30 EastEnders

Denise and Jack's marriage is on the rocks. Alfie joins forces with Billy after striking a deal with Honey.

Diane Parish Nish Panesar Scott Maslen Callum Highway Denise Fox Jack Branning Alfie Moon Honey Mitchell Stacey Slater Chelsea Fox Howie Danes Jay Brown Harvey Monroe Ben Mitchell Freddie Slater Linda Carter Finlay Baker Martin Fowler Sonia Fowler

Shane Richie Cindy Beale Emma Barton Lacey Turner Zaraah Abrahams Dean Wicks Delroy Atkinson 7ack Hudson Jamie Borthwick Ross Boatman Reiss Colwell Max Bowden Bobby Brazier Gina Knight Vinny Panesar Ashlev Byam Peter Reale Sam Mitchell Natalie Cassidy Phil Mitchell

Michelle Collins Tom "Rocky" Cotton Brian Conley Matt Di Angelo William Ellis Theo Hawthorne James Farrar Perry Fenwick Jonny Freeman Roger Griffiths Francesca Henry Shiv Jalota Thomas Law Kim Medcalf Steve McFadden

Tony Clay

Writer Katie Douglas This week's episodes directed by Thomas Hescott More cast Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

## 8.00 DIY SOS: EastEnders Special

Nick Knowles and the team travel to Harlow in Essex, where mental health charity Butterfly Effect Wellbeing is in need of a new meeting place. An army of local volunteer trades and several cast members of EastEnders have six days to transform an abandoned caretaker's bungalow into a space where anyone can go for help, support and company when they most need it. See page 71. Series producer Carrie Smith; Exec producer Sarah Trigg (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Vigil

5/6 Series 2. In the aftermath of the rescue mission, Amy is convinced that what she has believed up until now has been a lie, but all the evidence points the other way. Kirsten begs her to come home, but she can't let go of her suspicions. Despite huge pressure from her superiors, Amy refuses to leave Wudyan. Continues tomorrow 9pm. A box set is on iPlayer. Writers Ryan O'Sullivan and Matlida Wnek Cast Sunday/Tuesday Signed repeat Wednesday 2.40am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Imagine...

Russell T Davies: the Doctor and Me. Russell T Davies was responsible for relaunching Doctor Who in 2005. This film follows the screenwriter as he prepares to return as the showrunner of the series in its 60th anniversary year, and Alan Yentob looks back at his other successes in television. Featuring contributions from David Tennant, Catherine Tate, Ncuti Gatwa and Sally Wainwright. See page 70. Director/Producer Alex Harding (S) (HD)

Ten questions with Mark Gatiss: page 8 See feature: page 12

# 11.55 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

10/10. Kirsty Young hosts an extended edition of last Friday's show, with Armando Iannucci and Phil Wang. Director Martin Lord; Producer Jack Harris (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

12.40am The Graham Norton Show With guests Imelda Staunton, Ncuti Gatwa, Jamie Dornan and Jack Lowden, and music from Gregory Porter. Shown last Friday (S) (HD) 1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.35-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

# BBC<sub>2</sub>

Christmas University Challenge 8.30pm Leading lights: Amol Rajan hosts the festive series



# 5.15pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Blue bandmates Duncan James and Antony Costa explore the Cotswolds in search of antiques with experts Ochuko Ojiri and Roo Irvine. (R) (S) (HD)

**O BBC RED BUTTON 6.00-10.00** Equestrian Live coverage of the London International Horse Show

### 6.15 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Series 2. Learning to Drive. Frank's efforts to juggle filming a TV show and trying to pass his driving test make for a Christmas no one will forget. First shown in 1975. A box set is on iPlayer. See p70. Writer Raymond Allen (R) (S) (HD)

### 7.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

New series. 1/10. Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee test their general knowledge skills. **See p70.** (S) (HD)

### 7.30 Mastermind

Tonight's specialist subjects are US singer Meat Loaf, sculptor Grinling Gibbons, England women's cricket from 2000 to the present day, and the life and poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. Clive Myrie hosts. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Chris Jones, Kate Middleditch, David Young and Jimmy Mulville (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts as the Also Rans take on the Video Nasties for a place in the quarter-finals. Festive specials start tomorrow 8pm. Director Siân G Lloyd; Producer Nick Martin (S) (HD)

# 8.30 Christmas University Challenge

New series. 1/10. Notable graduates take part in the festive incarnation of the competition, where the opening first-round match features a team from King's College London, captained by journalist Ayshah Tull, taking on a guartet from City, University of London, led by journalist and presenter Joe Crowley. Amol Rajan asks the questions. Continues tomorrow 8.30pm. See page 70. (S) (HD)

Sandi Toksvig hosts a festive edition of the quiz, with Eshaan Akbar, Jo Brand and Jimmy Carr joining regular panellist Alan Davies. See page 71. Director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Piers Fletcher (S) (HD)

# 9.45 Live at the Apollo

**7/7**. In this festive edition, Tom Allen welcomes Thanyia Moore and Lloyd Griffith to the stage. Producer Anthony Caveney (S) (HD)

# 10.30 1917 \*\*\*\*

First World War drama. Two young British corporals are tasked with delivering an urgent message to a battalion further along the Western Front. The quickest way to do this is to go over the top, through the abandoned German trenches and across the French countryside – but they soon run into peril. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 77. Lance Corporal Schofield George MacKay Lieutenant Leslie Lieutenant Joseph Blake Richard Madden Lance Corporal Blake

Colonel MacKenzie Benedict Cumberbatch Sergeant Sanders Mark Strong Lauri Director Sam Mendes (2019, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 9pm BBC3

Dean-Charles Chapman General Erinmore Daniel Mays Claire Duburca

12.20am Disappeared: Mexico's Missing 43 2/2. A look at what happened in the years following the disappearance of the male students in 2014. Shown last Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

1.20-4.00am Sign Zone 1.20 Countryfile A visit to Elan Valley in the Cambrian Mountains. Shown Sun 6.35am (S) (HD) 2.15 Mary Berry's Highland Christmas Mary travels to the Highlands for a winter break. Shown last Wed BBCI (S) (AD) (HD) 3.15 Garden Rescue Doris and Petra want to turn their garden into a space inspired by German meadows. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

# ITV1

Vanishing Act 9.00pm The heat is starting to rise for scam artist

Melissa Caddick

(Kate Atkinson)



4.00pm Tipping Point

Ben Shephard presents as four contestants try their luck on the big arcade machine. (R) (S) (HD)

# 5.00 The Chase

Henry, Stephanie, Andy and Sue face one of the ruthless Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

# 7.30 Emmerdale

Charles gets Chas to open up. Claudette offers Amelia money to visit Dan. Meanwhile, Mack sits bound to a chair in an abandoned factory. Writer Lesley O'Neill Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD

### 8.00 Coronation Street

Daisy refuses to give up on locating Stephen's stolen money. Tim invites Peter to share a hot tub. Ed gambles with Sarge's cash. The Platts struggle in their bid to be nice to each other. Writer Chris Fewtrell Cast Wednesday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 Vanishing Act

New series. 1/3. Drama based on real-life events. Australian financial whizz Melissa Caddick has a mansion, luxury cars, a designer wardrobe and a loyal clientele who trust her to invest their money. But secretly, she is running a huge Ponzi scheme and ripping off not only her clients but friends and family too, including her own parents. As she tries to keep the scam going, Melissa must stay one step ahead of the legal authorities - and a criminal heavyweight. Continues tomorrow 9pm. The whole series is

available as a box set on ITVX. See page 71. Melissa Caddick Angie Beyersdorf Kate Atkinson Tony Caddick Julian Garnei Maya Stange Silvio Jerome Velinsky Verity Paul Pantano Anthony Koletti Safia Arain Anne Tenney Tina Beyersdorf Frankie J Holden Sr Const Alex Locke Colin Friels Ravi Barbara Grimley Alea O'Shea Kellie Jones Ted Grimley George K Idam Sondhi Dylan Hare Greg Mason Gareth Rickards
Ursula Mills Teenage Melissa/Young Melissa Nash Malouf Phoebe Quinn Tai Hara Annie Rose Sophie Bloom Teenage Angie/Young Angie Vincent Lee Annie Rose Buckley Wendy Otis Dhanji Gabi Sproule Writer Matt Ford; Producers Matt Ford and Kerrie Mainwaring

Director Geoff Bennett Signed repeat 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

# 10.45 The Savoy at Christmas

Following the preparations for Christmas at the five-star London hotel. The staff work through the night to transform the Savoy into a winter wonderland. Meanwhile, down in the cellar, Ella and her team organise tons of food and wine as the hotel stockpiles the finest ingredients. Director Martha Delap; Producers Susie Wright and Rhia Douty Shown yesterday 9pm ITV3 (S) (AD) (HD)

# 11.40 Christmas Comedy Club with **Lost Voice Guy**

Lee Ridley, aka Lost Voice Guy, hosts a night of seasonal laughter, starring stand-up comics Dara O Briain and Josie Long, ventriloquist Paul Zerdin and comic rapper Abandoman.

Director Abigail Dankwa Series producer Rohan Acharya (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Home Shopping (HD) 3.00 Vanishing Act 1/3. Drama based on real-life events. See choice, p71. Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05–6.00am Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food Ainsley Harriott serves up a twist on a turkey curry and a very special trifle. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

# **Channel 4**

Jamie's **Christmas** Shortcuts 8.00pm The chef has tips on how to use up leftover food



# 5.00pm Château DIY

New series. Philip prepares the château for Christmas, along with a surprise DIY project for when Janet returns. See page 70. Series producer Richard Park; Executive producers Emma Morgan and Joff Hatfield-Powell (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.00 Four in a Bed

A lack of vegan options stirs up trouble at Sawcliffe Manor in High Risby, Lincolnshire. Director/Producer James Marx (R) (S) (HD)

# 6.30 The Simpsons

Simpson Christmas Stories. Three festive tales from the residents of Springfield, (R) (S) (AD)

## 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts

2/2. The latest selection of fuss-free food sees Jamie Oliver celebrating leftovers as he shares quick and easy recipes to fill the gap between Christmas and New Year, including a vegetable tarte tatin and a brussels sprout caesar salad to keep friends and family satisfied. He also rustles up gnocchi that uses up some winter vegetables and turns panettone into a spectacular black forest gateau trifle. Both episodes are available to stream. See page 71. Series director Niall Downing; Series producer Sarah Myland Repeated Thursday 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 Aldi's Christmas Secrets

As the festive period approaches for the UK's fourth largest supermarket, the Aldi team is preparing for 2023 to be their biggest Christmas yet – but after a problem with a giant chocolate bauble, things aren't looking too merry. With managing director of buying Julie Ashfield on the hunt for new star products, will a pigs in blankets ice cream be a hit? Meanwhile, the marketing team think they have hit upon the ideal viral stunt to draw customers into the store. Rptd Tuesday 8pm 4seven, Thursday 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 Celebrity Gogglebox

A host of famous faces and some of the country's favourite personalities hit the sofa and settle down to watch the week's big shows, sharing sharp, insightful and witty reviews of the latest TV. Shown last Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

# 11.05 Depp v Heard

1/3. The story of the tumultuous 2022 defamation trial between actor Johnny Depp and his former wife. Amber Heard, the first in American history to be broadcast fully live. **12.10am 2/3.** As hostility to Amber Heard grows on social media, the trial reaches one of its most disturbing moments. A confrontation on a trip to Australia results in Depp losing part of a finger. 1.05 3/3. The trial approaches its climax as the jury hears allegations that Johnny Depp kicked his former wife down the stairs, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 First Dates Hotel Oxford maths undergraduate Tom is looking for a good listener. Might philosophy graduate Natalie be the one? (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

2.55 Extraordinary Escapes with Sandi Toksvig Sandi takes actor and comedian Suzy Eddie Izzard on a trip to the Republic of Ireland. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Britain's Scenic Railways at Christmas** The Steam in Lights illuminations and a steam train ride with Santa through the Yorkshire moors. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.45** Less for More: the Truth about Food Prices In a *Dispatches* investigation, Harry Wallop examines Britain's soaring food prices. Shown last Tue (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.40–6.00am** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Recipes for mulled wine and fondue. (R) (S) (HD)

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# BBC4

**Billy Connolly:** a Scot in the Arctic 9.50pm The Big Yin in Canada's far northwest



# 7.00pm Top of the Pops: Christmas 1986

Peter Powell presents an edition first shown on Christmas Day. Featuring performances by Billy Ocean, A-ha, Europe, Doctor and the Medics, Nick Berry, Falco and George Michael. Directors Robin Nash and Philip Bishop Repeated 1.35am (R) (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Keeping Up Appearances

Series 2. The Father Christmas Suit Hyacinth orders Richard to dress as Father Christmas and distribute gifts to the old folk at the church hall in this 1991 Christmas special. Patricia Routledge and Clive Swift star. Writer Roy Clarke Director/Producer Harold Snoad (R) (S)

# 8.30 To the Manor Born

Series 1. The First Noel. A special festive edition from 1979 of the comedy starring Penelope Keith, Peter Bowles and Angela Thorne. Living in reduced circumstances does not blind Audrev to her responsibilities as Christmas approaches at the Grantleigh estate. Writer Peter Spence Producer Gareth Gwenlan (R) (S)

# 9.00 'Allo 'Allo!

Series 2. The Gateau from the Château. Von Klinkerhoffen is the subject of several assassination plots. Boxing Day special from 1985 starring Gorden Kaye and Hilary Minster. Writers Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft Director/Producer David Croft (R) (S)

# 9.50 Billy Connolly: a Scot in the Arctic

The comedian heads for a week in the frozen Arctic Ocean in Canada's far northwest, armed only with a flimsy tent, a video camera and a BBC film crew for company. First shown in 1995. Director Hamish Hamilton; Executive producers Judith Holder and John Whiston (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.35 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland

1/2. Branded "the Beatles of comedy" by his peers, Sir Billy Connolly helped to change the face of British stand-up as he forged a distinctive new approach to comedy. In this intimate portrait, Billy looks back on his long and colourful career. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.35 2/2. The evergreen comedian continues to reflect on a career that once saw him branded as a "manure mouth" by the leader of the Scottish Zion Baptist Church. Director Mike Reilly; Series producer Jacqueline Houston (R) (S) (AD) (HD) RT TRAVEL Watch the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo next August during a four-day break, which includes a tour of Glasgow: page 148

12.35am What We Were Watching: Christmas 1988 Grace Dent looks at the TV shows viewers were watching in 1988, including *Bread* and *EastEnders*. (R) (S) (HD) 1.35 Top of the Pops: Christmas 1986 Shown 7pm (S) (HD) 2.40–3.25am Hope Street 3/15 Series 3

Marlene makes a life-changing decision. Continues tomorrow 3.15am. First shown on BBC1 Northern Ireland (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

# BBC<sub>1</sub> SCOTLAND

8.00-9.00pm Scotland's Christmas Home of the Year: Anna Campbell-Jones and Banjo Beale are joined by new judge Danny Campbell 11.55 Sportscene: SWPL Highlights: including Glasgow City v Partick Thistle and Hearts v Celtic 12.40am Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.25 The Graham Norton Show 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.20–6.00 BBC News

# **BBC SCOTLAND**

2.00pm Landward: signed 2.30 Loggerheads: signed 3.00-4.00 This Farming Life: signed **7.00** Sportscene: SWPL Highlights **7.45** Sportscene Goals+ 8.00 Reindeer Family and Me 9.00 The Nine **10.00** River City: Dean's private and personal relationships clash 10.30 The Scotts 11.00-12 midnight .lim Smith Live from Perth

### STV

**12.30–3.00am** Night Vision **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

### **BBC1 WALES**

7.00-7.30pm Kiri's TV Flashback: clips on the theme of garden and outdoor spaces **12 midnight**Would I Lie to You? 12.25am Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.15-6.00 BBC News

# **BBC2 WALES**

**4.45pm** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip 5.45-6.15 Gareth Welsh Adventure

# BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

7.00pm Hope Street: Callum and Ryan find a man dead on the beach **7.45** Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero: Suzie demonstrates foolproof recipes for what to do with Christmas leftovers 8.00 EastEnders 8.30–9.00 Panorama: 10.40 DIY SOS: EastEnders Special 11.40 The Blame Game: Angela Barnes joins in the comic review 12.10am Imagine... 1.30 Ghosts: the spectres try to think of a Christmas present for Alison **2.00–6.00** 

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# MONDAY Freeview

# Channel 5





Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 9.00pm Dr Taylor helps an elderly man

5.40am Milkshake! See page 76 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.15pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) **1.00 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.05 A Very Merry Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy. While in London, American architect David strikes up a friendship with professional shopper Anji. Director Jonathan Wright (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

2.50 Snowed in at Christmas ★★ Romance. Two rival weather reporters are stuck in the same small town, where they are competing to win the same job. Director Christopher James Lang (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

4.40pm The Family Man ★★★ Romantic fantasy. Nothing gets in the way of a deal for Wall Street's

Jack Campbell – not even Christmas Eve. Following an encounter with the enigmatic Cash, Jack gets a chance to see how life would have fared had he not deserted his childhood sweetheart, Kate. Review p77. Jack Campbell Nicolas Cage

Téa Leoni Kate Don Cheadle Cash Alan Mintz Saul Rubinek Director Brett Ratner (2000, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

### 7.00 Motorway Cops: Catching **Britain's Speeders**

9/10 Series 3. PC Andy Doran chases thieves on the run from a shop robbery, where they have reportedly stolen thousands of pounds worth of goods. Director Jo Conchie (R) (S) (HD)

**7.55** 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Traffic Cops

Ten miles north of Derby, police are forced into a dramatic high-speed pursuit, and a tip-off leads officers to a drink-driver who can barely stand up. Series producer Simon Meehan (S) (HD) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second

# Counts

Ep 9 Series 8. Farm worker Edward, 78, is waiting for an x-ray on a suspected dislocated shoulder and Dr Taylor treats 92-year-old Donald after a fall at home. Directors John Nichols and Anna Evans (S) (AD) (HD)

## 10.00 999: Critical Condition

A 52-year-old is rushed into the emergency ward after a head-on collision with a bus. Directors Beatrice Ní Bhroin and Ally Roberts (R) (S) (HD)

# 11.05 A&E after Dark

Medical staff are faced with an aggressive patient whose behaviour could be the result of a serious head injury. Directors Selina Lewis and Simon Bowyer (R) (S) (HD)

12.05am Traffic Cops (R) (S) (HD) 1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football: New England Patriots v Kansas City Chiefs (kick-off **1.15**) (S) (HD) **4.30** Entertainment News (S) (HD) 4.40 Great Artists: a look at Rubens (R) (S) (SL) 5.05 Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 5.30-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

# **BBC3**



Click and Collect 8.05pm Dev and Andrew go Christmas shopping

## 7.00pm Top Gear

Matt LeBlanc's review of the Aston Martin DB11 is thwarted by Chris Harris. Actress Tamsin Greig takes to the Top Gear track in the Reasonably Fast Car. More tomorrow 7pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD) Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

### 8.05 Click and Collect

Festive comedy starring Stephen Merchant as a dad in Bedford desperate to find the one present that his six-year-old girl really wants. On Christmas Eve, his annoying neighbour (Asim Chaudhry) decides to lend a hand, tracks down the toy and pays online to collect – but it's in Carlisle. Repeated 11.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 The Christmas Break ★★★

Comedy drama with Justin Long and India Mullen. Chicago-based couple Jack and Caroline travel to Ireland for a festive holiday at Caroline's family home. All starts well enough, but the experience soon starts to take a toll. **Review page 77.** Director Prarthana Mohan (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

### 10.40 People Just Do Nothing

1/6 Series 3. The boys hire a studio and get to work on a new track. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.10 2/6.** With Chabuddy G as their music mogul manager, Kurupt FM try to get a record deal. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Click and Collect As 8.05pm.

**12.40am** I Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) **1.25** Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne (S) (HD) **2.10** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **3.10–3.40am** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

# ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00pm Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show: Celebrity Special (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05 FILM** Beethoven's Christmas Adventure ★★ (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 5.00 Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

**6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special** With Shirley Ballas, Oti Mabuse and Jonathan Ross. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** Series 2. The Hayes go up against the Mohammeds family. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 4. The Belchers go off in search of a Christmas tree. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Series 5. Bob and his father try to outdo each other in the kitchen. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 Family Guy** *Series 18.* Meg takes Stewie to see Santa at the shopping centre.

**9.30** Series 13. Peter, Joe, Cleveland and Quagmire throws Jesus a birthday party. **10.00** Series 18. Stewie tries to create a machine that will help him remain clever. 10.30 Peter is told by his boss to work from home due to his excessive sweating. 11.00 Stewie's serene future life is interrupted by word that Peter is dying. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 American Dad! Series 13. Roger converts to Judaism after he feels unappreciated by the family. (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** Series 3. Stan fights to save his

family from evil forces. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am Plebs (S) (AD) (HD) 1.30 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.10 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



Endeavour 8.00pm Morse takes charge of a cocky young apprentice

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** Never the Twain: Simon stands in the local election; 8.35 Simon has a secret pen-pal 9.10 Wycliffe: Series 4. Strangers. Tragedy hits a wedding party Repeated 3am: 10.20 Close to Home. A businessman is stabbed to death Repeated 3.55am (S) (HD) **11.30** Maigret: **4/6** Series 2. Maigret's Boyhood Friend. A friend seeks help when his girlfriend is killed (S) (AD) 12.35pm Heartbeat: 11/15. Greengrass prepares for the village fair (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Zak and Solomon battle it out in a quiz; Scott and Syd subject Frank Bernard to a savage beating (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. The tension proves too much for Rita as she awaits her verdict; as news of Rita's fate spreads, Cilla remains unrepentant (S) (AD) **3.45** Midsomer Murders: Series 9. Death in Chorus. The Midsomer Worthy choir are in fear for their lives when baritone Connor Simpson is killed Repeated 12.05am (S) (AD)

# 5.45pm Downton Abbey

4/9 Series 2. Tensions flare between Isobel and Cora, and there's worrying news about Matthew and William. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.55 Heartbeat

12/15 Series 5. The Army are called in to deal with an unexploded bomb, but one woman refuses to leave her home. (S) (AD)

## 8.00 Endeavour

1/6 Series 5. Muse. A Fabergé-egg auction coincides with a series of sadistic murders that appear unconnected. (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 Grantchester

5/6 Series 7. After a murder at a local nursing home, two of its elderly residents, Clem and Ida, go missing. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 6/6. Another homeless man is found dead and murdered in the same manner as previous victims. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Midsomer Murders As 3.45pm (S) (AD) 2.00 Holding: 1/4. Human remains are found in a sleepy Irish village (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Wycliffe Shown 9.10am/10.20am (S) (SL) (HD) **4.50** Never the Twain **5.40-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.00 The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.25** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.25pm The Champions (S) 1.30 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.35** Magnum, Pl: Thomas faces a dilemma. (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.45** Minder (S) (AD) **5.50** BattleBots (S) (HD)

**6.55pm The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special** Kate Bottley, Dr Ranj Singh, Ed Byrne and Georgia Toffolo take on the Chasers. (S) (HD) **8.00 Junk and Disorderly** Making a profit

on automobile memorabilia. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Sudden Death \*\*\* Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. Fire officer McCord and his children are looking forward to an ice hockey game, but terrorists take control of the building and threaten to detonate bombs. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.15 New. Professional Fighters League

**Europe Highlights** All the action from the latest bouts in the MMA league. (S) (HD) T2.15am Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport (S)
(AD) (HD) 1.10 New. Motorsport UK (S) (HD) 2.05
Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 3.00 Driving Force (S) (HD)
4.00 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 5.00 The Protectors (S)
(SL) (HD) 5.30–6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

# **Drama**



Last of the Summer Wine 6.35pm Foggy, Clegg and Compo go for a drink

**7.10am** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac's battle with the bottle continues, then Helen helps an eczema patient 9.20 Classic Holby City: Harry plans a holiday Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: an athletics stand collapses (S) 11.40 The Bill: Kerry loses her fight for life (S) 12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Den and Dot force each other to examine their relationships with others, then Jim's devastated when he hears about Dot's illness **2.00** Call the Midwife: **1/8** Series 10 Controversial plans are afoot to introduce a private clinic to Nonnatus House (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30** Birds of a Feather: *6/6 Series* 9 Tracy and Sharon are left an inheritance (S)

Series 4. A Merry Heatwave. Foggy films a video message for Nora's brother. 5.15 Small Tune on a Penny Wassail 1978 Christmas special. Compo, Clegg and Foggy visit a friend in hospital. 5.55 Series 5 And a Dewhurst Up a Fir Tree. Foggy invests in 100 Christmas trees. **6.35 Whoops.** The trio invite long-lost school friends for a Christmas drink. (S) 7.20 Series 6. All Mod Conned. The trio spend Christmas in a caravan. (S)

4.25pm Last of the Summer Wine

# 8.00 Father Brown

8/15 Series 5. The Crimson Feather The priest sets out to find Mrs McCarthy's missing goddaughter. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 9/15. The Lepidopterist's Companion

A shocking secret is discovered. (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 New Tricks

8/8 Series 3. Congratulations. Pullman considers leaving. Shown 7.10am (S) (AD)

### 11.20 Father Brown 10/15 Series 5. The Alchemist's Secret

The priest investigates a 300-year-old secret hidden in a university. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am New Tricks: 1/8 Series 4. A car accident threatens the team's future (S) (AD) **1.45** The Paradise: **6/8** Series 1. Jonas resorts to blackmail (HD) 2.55-4.00am Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

# **ITVBe**



**7.00am** Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Be Beautiful: with TOWIF star Lydia Bright (S) (AD) (HD) **12.10pm** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **4.10** The Big Bake (S) (HD)

6.10pm FILM Christmas in Rockwell ★★ Romance starring Trish Stratus. A Hollywood star returns to her home town to escape the paparazzi, and reconnects with a local resident. English, German +subtitles. (S) (W) (HD) **8.00 Christmas Dinner Date** Jack from London picks three blind dates. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Gino's Italian Family Adventure: a Festive Feast The clan prepare a

Christmas meal – Italian-style. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Botched: Most Outrageous Celebrity Patients The top ten most memorable encounters with famous people, (S) (AD) (HD) 10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk hosts the Australian reality show. (S) (HD) **11.15 Botched** A breast-obsessed Brazilian woman seeks her 33rd breast surgery. (S) (HD) 12.10am The Cabins (S) (HD) 1.10 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 3.15 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 4.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 4.35–6.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta: double bill (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



# More4





**Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with** Mum & Dad 9.00pm A trip to York

**8.55am** Kirstie's House of Craft: marbled clay napkin rings **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 1.10pm Car SOS (AD) 2.10 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) 6.55pm Escape to the Château Dick has some innovative solutions for the intense summer heat, but one involves piercing the château's thick walls, while the other sees him turning the moat into a boating lake. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** Professional deep-sea diver Adrian is obsessed with concrete. He has now convinced his wife Megan that they should build their new home in rural East Sussex almost entirely out of the material. (AD) 9.00 New. Matt Baker: Christmas Travels
with Mum & Dad. Ep 2. Matt takes Janice
and Mike on a trip to York as it prepares for
Christmas, hearing choristers rehearsing in a candlelit church and decorating the city. (AD)

10.00 Highclere: behind the Scenes at **Christmas** Lord and Lady Carnarvon, along with their staff, turn the castle into a winter wonderland with their biggest-ever tree. (AD) **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** A look at the specialist team dedicated to caring for people when they suffer the potentially devastating consequences of a stroke. (AD) 1.15 12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) 1.15 999: on the Front Line 2.15 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.20–3.50am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland)
Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

# **E4**

**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown last Wed/Thu (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

**6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 5/24** Series 7 Sheldon re-evaluates the time he spends with Amy when she takes a job at the university. (AD) **6.30** *6/24*. Sheldon stumbes upon an important scientific breakthrough. (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** Peri has to choose between 7.30 Young Sheldon 12/22 Series 5. Sheldon attends his first comic book convention. (AD) 8.00 Modern Family 22/24 Series 1. Gloria Plans a romantic getaway for Jay's birthday.

8.30 23/24. The family enjoys a holiday.

9.00 New series. Made in Chelsea: Sydney
The gang jets off Down Under in search of winter sun, with Liv and Sam mates again.

10.00 First Dates at Christmas 2021 Fred Sirieix helps a jobbing Father Christmas and a recruitment consultant find love (AD) 11.05 Gogglebox Two editions. (AD)
1.15am Married at First Sight Australia 2.45
Made in Chelsea: Sydney (SL) 3.35 How I Met
Your Mother (AD) 4.50–6.00am Baby Daddy E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 Repair Shop 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 as 4pm (AD) 5.00–6.00am as 8am Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

# **Sky Arts**



Classic FM Live: Hall of Fame 8.00pm From the Royal Albert Hall

**6.00am** Punchdrunk: behind the Mask **7.00** Best of Portrait Artist of the Year **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Andy Williams: Happy Holidays **12.15pm** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall **2.00** Cirque du Soleil: Alegria **4.00 FILM** The House of Fear ★★ Mystery starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce (BW) (W) **5.15** The Joy of Painting

**5.50pm Alfred Hitchcock Presents** An alcoholic actor strangles his friend. 6.25 A boy says his father left him behind.7.00 Wonderland: the Story of Christmas Exploring festive themes featured in novels and poems written by authors including Charles Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen, Edith Nesbit and Kenneth Grahame. 8.00 New. Classic FM Live: Hall of Fame A concert of classical music at the Royal

Albert Hall, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra playing pieces from the Classic FM Hall of Fame.

10.00 André Rieu: Romance The violinist and his Johann Strauss Orchestra are joined by sopranos Suzan Erens and Carla Maffioletti for performances of romantic melodies in Vienna, Venice, Paris and Tuscany.

12 midnight Michael Bolton Live at the Royal Albert Hall 2.00am Aretha Franklin: Music Icons: a profile of the singer 2.30 Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 3.30 REM: Perfect Square 5.50-6.00am Sky Arts Ambassador Bursary Shorts

Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

## 4seven

**9.00am** Come Dine with Me **11.30** Amazing Spaces: George's Icelandic Adventure (AD) 12.30pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas: some striking baubles (AD) **1.30** A Place in the Sun **2.30** Come Dine with Me (AD) 5.00 Jamie's Night before Christmas (AD) **6.00pm A Place in the Sun** Jasmine Harman helps Brian and Rita find a holiday home in southern Costa Blanca, Spain. **7.00 The Dog House at Christmas** Nurse Lynne would like film star Gerard Butler in her stocking, but the next best thing is a dog - or two. Jazz's Christmas wish is for a cuddly companion for dad Darran. (AD) 8.00 London Zoo at Christmas Following the keepers and staff as they transform the venue into a magical winter wonderland. (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody**Bedfordshire Police investigate a report of a sexual assault. Shown Sunday 9pm C4

10.35 FILM Fight Club \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Satirical drama with Brad Pitt. Tyler Durden and a bored office worker launch Fight Club, but as Tyler becomes a cult hero, his actions grow more reckless. **Review p57.** Shown Sat 12.15am C4 **1.20am** Where Is Baby Gabriel? (AD) **4.20 4.50am** Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby: animated version of the story (AD) 4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

# Quest

**6.00am** How Do They Do It? **6.30** New. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Outback Car Hunters 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Fight 4.00 Salvage Hunters: the

Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** New. Outback Opal Hunters **10.00** New. Gem Hunters Down Under **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12** midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air **999 2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Outback Car Hunters **4.00–5.00am** How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

# Yesterday





Villages by the Sea 8.00pm A village at the mercy of the daily tides

**6.10am** Underground Worlds: double bill **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) 10.00 The World at War 11.00 Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: Japan's early victories

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo embarks on a Greek odyssey from Athens to Thessaloniki. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** The team visits Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Reivingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, where they value a family heirloom that turns out to have an important heritage.

8.00 Villages by the Sea The history of the Lancashire village Sunderland Point.

8.30 The history of Walberswick, a former medieval port on the Suffolk coast.

9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek, with help from the Mathewson clan, drags a mini pickup put of the barn where it's been for 20 years.

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10.00 Four VW camper vans pitch up at the auction house looking for a new home.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering A decrepit Liberian landmark with American origins. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00–3.00am Underground Worlds

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### Dave

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**7.10am** Mega Air **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: Homes for Veterans **10.00** Outback Pilots **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure: in South Korea **12 noon** Celebrity Storage Hunters 2.00pm Top Gear (AD) 5.00 Soapbox Race 6.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico The chef's tour of Mexico reaches Oaxaca. **7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** With former winners Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons. Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons.
7.40 With YolanDa Brown, the Rev Kate
Bottley, Joel Dommett and John Thomson.
8.20 Would I Lie to You? With Miranda Hart,
Stephen Mangan, Barry Cryer and Miles Jupp.
9.00 QI XL Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman
and Matt Lucas answer questions on Noel. 10.00 QI Ahir Shah, Sara Pascoe and Suzi Ruffell join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig. 10.40 Bill Bailey, Daliso Chaponda and Sally Phillips answer random questions. 11.20 Sandi Toksvig and Alan Davies are joined by Bill Bailey, Katy Brand and Eshaan Akbar. 12 midnight Mock the Week: Dara O Briain hosts 12.40am Would I Lie to You? 1.20 Richard Osman's House of Games **2.00** David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) **2.50–4.00am** Live at the Apollo

# Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327 **Sky Mix**

**7.00am** Border Security: Canada's Front Line (AD) **9.00** Border Patrol **11.00** Customs UK 1.00pm Nothing to Declare UK 2.00
Caught Red Handed 4.00 Stargate Atlantis
5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00 Star Trek:
Enterprise: Mayweather learns his father has Enterprise: Mayweather learns his father has died **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: Chakotay is kidnapped by aliens **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** New. A League of Their Own US Road Trip: Jamie, Jack and Andrew head to Las Vegas for three final challenges First shown on Sky Showcase (AD) **10.00** Ricky Gervais: Science: the comedian's stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo 11.40 Britain's Most Evil Killers

12.35am World's Most Evil Killers: serial killer
Todd Christopher Kohlhepp 1.30 The Force: North
East 2.30 Road Wars 3.00 Highway Patrol:
double bill (AD) 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD)

5.00–6.00am Highway Cops: two editions Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

# 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 12.55pm Entertainment News 1.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law Order: a terrorist threat is discovered **6.00pm** NCIS *Series 14.* Triple bill. A US Marine's murder is linked to a dirt-bike gang **7.00** A US Marine Sergeant is found dead **8.00** Delilah is hospitalised (AD) **9.00** New. The Blacklist Series 3. Red and the team close in on the criminal responsible for recent events First shown on Sky Witness 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11. Triple bill **12.50am** Murder, She Wrote **2.55** Criminal Minds **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

# 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops: double bill **2.05** Police Interceptors (AD)

**5.10pm FILM** Hope at Christmas ★★ Romance starring Scottie Thompson Romance starring Scottic I Inompson
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors A musician
who is worried about his hearing. (AD)
8.00 Casualty 24/7 at Christmas The
medical emergency teams deal with a surge
in patients at Christmas. Last in the series.
9.00 A&E after Dark An elderly individual falls down the stairs and a 54-year-old comes in with a dangerously high heart rate. **10.00 My Lover, My Killer** The murder of Evie Adams, a woman who died of an overdose which was planned and executed by her partner, Jordan Monaghan. (AD)

**11.00 Ambulance: Code Red** A 21-year-old motorcyclist is thrown headfirst from his bike and an man suffers a cardiac arrest.

12 midnight 999: Critical Condition 1.00am 999:
Emergency Call Out 2.00 Revenge: Emily is
shaken 2.50-3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

# 5 Action



**9.00am** Trucking Hell **10.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.00** Police Interceptors 12 noon FILM Streets of Laredo \*\*\* Western starring William Holden **1.55pm FILM** The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid ★★★ Western starring Cliff Robertson **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00**Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **6.00pm Police Interceptors** A serial bacon snatcher ends up facing the chop and a time-waster is reduced to tears. **7.00** Friendships are tested when amphetamines are found in a car. **8.00** A high-speed pursuit through Lincoln and an officer gets an unusual request. **9.00 FILM Hang 'Em High** ★★★ Western starring Clint Eastwood as rancher Jed Cooper, who is rescued by a sheriff after being left for dead. When Cooper is appointed deputy sheriff, he seeks revenge.

11.25 FILM Enemy Lines ★★ Second World War thriller starring Ed Westwick English, Polish, Russian, German +subtitles. 1.20am Outback Truckers 2.25-3.00am Winter Road Rescue 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

# 5 Select

**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.10 FILM** A Christmas Waltz ★★ Romantic drama A Christmas waitz ★★ Romantic Grama
10.55 FILM Santa's Squad ★★ Romance
12.45pm FILM A Christmas... Present ★★
Comedy drama starring Marc Blucas 2.30
Costco at Christmas: Is It Really Worth It? Costco at Chiristinas, is it really worth it?

3.30 Secrets of the Christmas Factory 4.30
Christmas Cruising with Susan Calman

6.30pm The Marvellous Maggie Smith:
a Celebration The journey of how Dame Maggie Smith came from humble beginnings in Ilford to acting aristocracy in Broadway.

8.00 Victoria Wood: All the Laughs and More One of Britain's best loved comedians. 10.00 Britain's Favourite 70s Comedy
A celebration of sketches from the decade.
12 midnight Dick Emery: the Naughty Bits and
More 2.05–3.00am Forged in Fire: two smiths
must create the gruesome bastard sword 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FF 313

# MONDAY Freeview & films



DIY SOS: the Big Build 7.00pm Nick Knowles hosts

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple ooking **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 DIY
SOS: the Big Build 1.00pm Tipping
Point: Lucky Stars 3.00 The Weakest Link 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes The duo create an accessible home. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build Transforming the home of a police officer injured in the Westminster Bridge terror attack in 2017.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Dan and Becky are called out to a baby with a worryingly high temperature.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A 74-year-old man is brought in with signs of a brain injury. **10.00** A police officer is admitted

after crashing her motorbike. 11.00 999 Rescue Squad A fire in a hotel results in a desperate search for those inside. 12 midnight-3.00am One Born

Every Minute: three editions

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

# HGTV

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** Best in Miniature 4.00 Escape to the Country 5.00 The Saved and Remade Workshop 6.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restore (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00 New.** Martha Knows Best **8.30** Flip or Flop Vegas 9.00 New. Fixer Upper: the Hotel (AD) **9.30** Fixer Upper: behind the Design **10.00 New.** Tough Love with Hilary Farr (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions
12 midnight as flam 1.00am as 5pm
2.00 Best in Miniature 3.00–4.00am
My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

# **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Ballet Shoes 8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 After Henry 9.00 Carluccio's Six Seasons 10.00 F2: Tackling Europe 11.00 London Districts 11.15 Kate Humble: off the Beaten Track 12 noon Monkey

1.00pm FILM War and Peace \*\*\* Historical epic based on the novel by Leo Tolstoy 5.00 Serving the Royals 6.00 London Live News 7.00 Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert

9.00 The Sandbaggers 10.00 Boycie in Belgrade 11.45 London Districts 12.05am FILM Buster ★★★ Crime drama starring Phil Collins 2.05 Blunt **4.00** Otters and the Exotic Pet Trade **5.00–6.00am** Carluccio's Six Seasons

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

# Food Network 43



**Marcus Wareing at Christmas** 9.00pm A mince-pie recipe

6.00am Cooking Christmas with Matt and Lisa 7.00 Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown 8.00 The Great British Bake Off 9.30 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 10.30 Mary Berry's Quick Cooking **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Valerie's Home Cooking **1.00** Jamie's Family Christmas **1.30** Zoe Bakes **2.00** The Great British Bake Off 3.30 Rachel Allen's Easy Christmas **4.00**Marcus Wareing at Christmas **5.00**The Pioneer Woman **5.30** The Great British Bake Off 7.00 Jamie's Family Christmas **7.30** Mary Berry's Quick Cooking **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: double bill, Marcus shares some festive favourites to make in advance, then shares recipes to make the big day more relaxed **10.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **11.00 New.** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: the chefs challenge Bobby to a the criefs challenge Bobby to a battle featuring festive frosted treats, with guest Sunny Anderson 12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Hollday Throwdown 1,00am James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) 2.00— 3.00am How The Grinch Stole Christmas

# Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeannie's life is in serious danger 10.00 The Persuaders!: the first enisode of the drama, starring Tony Curtis and Roger Moore 11.00 Return of the Saint 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

# True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 1.00pm A Stranger in My Home 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: double bill. Donal MacIntyre looks into the death of Jeshma Ráithatha, then former Detective Chief Inspector Clive Driscoll talks about the murder of Stephen Lawrence 7.00 Judge Judy **1.00am** Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files **3.00** A Stranger in My Home 5.00-6.00am Medical Detectives

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# BBC Parliament 232

**6.00am** Westminster Hall **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Scottish First Minister's Questions
11.20 Welsh First Minister's Questions 12.20pm House of Lords 1.50 Lords Questions 2.30 Live Work and Pensions Questions: coverage of questions in the House of Commons to Mel Stride 3.30 Live House of Commons: the day's proceedings 11.00 Lords Questions 11.40-7.00am House of Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201**  PBS America 84



Elmore Leonard: but Don't **Try to Write** 8.20pm A profile

6.00am Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History 7.00 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** as 6.05pm **9.30** as 7.10pm **10.35** as 8.20pm **11.50** as 9.35pm **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** as 6.05pm **2.30** The True Story of King Tut's Treasure **3.40** as 8.20pm **4.55** as 9.35pm

6.05pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 2/6. The Siege of York in 866.

7.10 The True Story of King Tut's Treasure Reconstructing Tutankhamun's tomb and treasures.

8.20 Elmore Leonard: but Don't Try to Write A portrait of the US novelist Elmore Leonard.

9.35 Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan The story of how the US Navy trained carrier pilots on passenger steamers.

10.50 The True Story of King Tut's Treasure As 7.10pm

12 midnight as 8.20pm 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** as 6.05pm **2.40** as 9.35pm **3.45** Ruthless: Monopoly's Secret History **4.40–6.00am** Jazz

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# Blaze



6.00am Alien Files: Unsealed 8.15 Ancient Aliens 6.00pm Close Encounters 7.00 UFOs Declassified: reports of silvery objects above Los Angeles in 1942 8.00 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: a perplexing UFO encounter in south Wales **9.00**Alien Deception: the Biggest Lie in History: exploring suggest lie makes that, over the decades, governments have lied about the presence of aliens

10.30 Alien Files: Unsealed: the increase in reports of UFO sightings in 1952 11.00 Top Secret UFO Projects Declassified: a look at the development of Project Blue Book 12 midnight Close Encounters Down Under 1.00am Evil Encounters
2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera
3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost ters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

# Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Strike It Lucky **3.00pm** Cash in the Attic: double bill. A family hopes to raise enough money for a holiday, then a woman wants to raise money to build a conservatory **4.00** Bargain Hunt: the teams head to Oswestry in Shropshire 5.00 Bullseye 6.00pm Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: with Antony Cotton, Alex Jones, Gyles Brandreth and Paul Martin 9.00 The Chase: quiz with Bradley Walsh 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseve 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00-6.00am The Crystal Maze

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# CHILDREN'S

# Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshakel News 6.10 New series. Fantastic Foxes: Their Secret World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Pepps Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 New. Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.30 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 7.55 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 New. Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chip and Potato 8.55 Peppa Pig 9.05-9.15am Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p74

# **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Stick Man 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.55 Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go

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Dog Squad **4.15** Game Catchers **4.20**Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Go Jetters **4.55** Numberblocks **5.05** Alphablocks **5.20** Love Monster **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden...

**6.50–7.00pm New.** Bedtime Stories CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

# CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy
and the Lemmings 8.10 Odd Squad 8.20 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.35 Hey You What If? 8.40 Operation Ouch! 9.10 Deadly 60 9.35 Andy and the Band 9.50 Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas 9.55 Our School 10.20 Nine Minute Ninja 10.30 10.20 Nine Minute Ninja 10.30
Horrible Histories 11.00 Bitesize Daily
11.20 Seriously Raleigh 11.25 Super
Mood Movers 11.30 Our Boarding
School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.15pm
Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.50
Dennis & Gnasher 1.25 Grizzy and the
Lemmings 1.40 Summer Camp Island
1.55 4 o'Clock Club 2.20 Jamie
Johnson FC 2.50 Ooglies 2.55 The
Zoo 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger
Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy
4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.20
Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30
Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 Odd
Squad 5.05 Total Dramarama 5.30
The Dengineers: Dengineers: Christmas The Dengineers: Dengineers: Christma: Den **6.00** 4 o'Clock Club **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35–7.00pm** Next Step **CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

# ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

# ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

**9.00am** Chloe's Closet **9.15** Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

# **FILMS**

# Film4

11.00am The Sons of Katie Elder ★★★★ Terrific western in which four brothers set out to avenge the death of their father. John Wayne Dean Martin, Michael Anderson Jr (1965, U) (S) (AD)

### 1.35pm The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance

Wonderful western that celebrates and deconstructs the mythology of the Old West. James Stewart (1962, U) (S) (AD) 4.25 A Room with a View

**★★★★** Exemplary adaptation of the witty FM Forster novel about a woman's awakening amid the beauty of Tuscany. **Review, right.**Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter (1985, PG) (S) (AD)

6.45pm Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse ★★★★ Clever animated adventure featuring a multitude of Spideys from different dimensions. Film of the Day, right. Jake Johnson (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

9.00 The Mechanic ★★ Jason Statham steps confidently into Charles Bronson's shoes as an angst-ridden hitman in this thriller remake. (2011, 15) (S) (AD)

10.50 Le Mans '66 ★★★★ It's Ford vs Ferrari in this thrill-packed motor-racing drama, starring Christian Bale as mayerick Ford driver Ken Miles. Matt Damon (2019, 12) (S) (AD)

1.55-3.40am No One Lives ★★★★ Hillbilly robbers make the mistake of mugging a mass murderer in this horror thriller that's high on tension. Luke Evans (2012, 18) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

# Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am Johnny on the Spot ★★ Convoluted British noir, Hugh McDermott Elspet Gray (1954, U) (S) **7.30 Impact** ★★★ Clever crime melodrama in which a wealthy industrialist's wife plots a murder with her lover, Brian Donleyv, Ella Raines (1949) (S) **9.45 Emergency** The race is on to find a blood donor in this anaemic British drama. Glyn Houston (1962, 12) (S) 11.00 Time to Remember News archive series. (S) 11.35 Glimpses TV short film. (S) 12.10pm A Cry from the Streets ★★★ Decent, heart-warming social drama, with Barbara Murray and Max Bygraves looking out for troubled children. (1957, PG) (S) 2.05 Coaching Holiday in 1958 TV reels

2.30 Crown Court TV drama. (S) 3.00 The Saint TV drama. (S) 4.00 The Boy Who Caught a Crook ★★ Watchable crime adventure starring Roger Mobley as a newsboy who encounters a thief looking for his briefcase full of cash. (1961, U) (S) 5.30 British Rails Are Long and Fast TV documentary.

6.00pm The Footage Detectives Vintage TV reels and clips. (\$)
7.00 Nanette Newman and **Bryan Forbes: Together Forever** 

The lives and careers of the movie-making couple. (S)

**8.35 Waking the Dead** TV drama with Trevor Eve and Sue Johnston.(S) **10.45 Villain** ★★★ Menacing crime drama with Richard Burton as a vicious London gangster. **Review, right.** Ian McShane (1971, 18) (S)

12.45am Witness in the Dark ★ A woman is tormented by a stalker in this tense thriller. Patricia Dainton (1959, P6) (5) 2.00 Maigret TV detective drama. 4.00 Justice TV legal drama. 5.00 Monty Nash: Code Name Diana TV drama. 5.30—6.00am Honey West TV series.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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# Great Movies 34

9.00am Christmas in Evergreen
★★ Wholesome fantasy. Ashley Williams
(2017, P6) 11.00 Coming Home for
Christmas ★★ Sweet family drama.
Carly McKillip (2013, U) 1.00pm Like Cats
& Dogs ★★ Mismatched pet-owners
learn to get along. Cassidy Gifford (2017)
2.55 Blue Moon Ball ★★ Childhood
sweethearts reconnect. Ashley Newbrough
(2021) 5.00 Dear Diary, I Died ★★
Was her sister's death really suicide?
Whitney Rose Pynn, Nicole Coulon (2016)

7.00pm Here Comes the Boom
★★★ Hit-and-miss comedy about a
teacher who moonlights as a mixed
martial arts fighter. Kevin James (2012, 12)
9.00 Drive ★★★★ Ryan Gosling
is quietly charismatic in this stylish

crime drama. **Review, right.** (2011, 18) **11.05 Only God Forgives** \*\*\*

Arty if bloody crime thriller that reteams Ryan Gosling with *Drive* director Nicolas Winding Refn. (2012, 18)

12.55am The Beach House
★★ Good-looking romance with
Andie MacDowell. (2018) 3.00 Wild
West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am
Fixer Upper Mysteries: Deadly Deed

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

# Great Action 42 8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30

Brave Warrior ★★ Brisk period western. Jon Hall, Jay Silverheels (1952, U) 10.00 Bitter Victory ★★ Nicholas Ray's taut and fraught war drama. Review, right. Richard Burton (1957, P6) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm The Desperadoes ★★ Can outlaw Glenn Ford escape his past? (1943, U) 2.50 The Gunfighter's Pledge ★★ Efficient revenge western. Luke Perry (2008, P6) 4.35 Wings at War 2: Target Germany 5.40 Suicide Mission ★★ The wartime Norwegian sailors who transported refugees. Leif Larsen (1954, U) 7.05pm Firequake ★★ Disaster strikes when an energy plant explodes. Alexandra Paul (2014, I2)

-for viewers of these ages and over

for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

suitable for all; PG Parental Guidance

9.00 Escape Plan 3 ★★ Sylvester Stallone leads a rescue mission at a prison in this action thriller. (2019, 15) 10.55 Hitman: Redemption ★★ Meandering and familiar thriller about a contract killer. Ron Perlman (2018, 15)

**1.00am The Winter Soldier** ★★ Low-budget post-apocalypse thriller. (2016, 15) **3.00** Wild West Chronicles **4.00–5.00am** Battle for the Bulge

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)
F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

# Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am Christmas Mail ★★
Romance is delivered, first class. Ashley
scott (2010, U) 10.00 Merry and Bright
★★ Romantic wires get crossed. Jodie
Sweetin (2019) 12. noon A Storybook
Christmas ★★ The new nanny ticks
all the boxes. Ali Liebert (2019) 2.00pm
Christmas around the Corner ★★
Feel-good tale. Alexandra Breckenridge (2018)
4.00 A Christmas Coincidence
★★ She's engaged, but unsure. (2018)
6.00pm Christmas in Homestead
★★ A Hollwood star ruffles feathers
when she arrives in a small town. (2016)

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8.00 Enchanted Christmas

★★ Old flames are unexpectedly reunited. Alexa PenaVega, Carlos PenaVega (2017)

10.00 My Christmas Dream \*\*
A department store manager needs help with her Christmas display. (2016)
12 midnight A Starstruck

This munight A Starstruck
Christmas \*\* Bubbly romance. Jamie
Perez (2021) 2.00 Highway to Heaven
3.00-5.00am Dancing through
Christmas \*\* Sparks fly at the
tree store. Annalynne McCord (2021)

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# Sky Premiere

6.30am As 4.25pm 8.25 As 6.25pm 10.00 The Three Musketeers:
D'Artagnan ★★★ Swashbuckler featuring a French cast led by Vincent Cassel and Eva Green. (2023, 15) 12.10pm As 12.15am 2.10 As 8pm 4.25 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★ Gentle British drama. Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton (2023, 12) 6.25pm Mummies ★★★ Breezy animated comedy, in which two Egyptian mummies visit modernday London. Joe Thomas (2023, U)

8.00 Shazam! Fury of the Gods
★★★ Action-packed sequel
starring Zachary Levi's superhero.
Review p47. Helen Mirren, Lucy Liu (2023, 12)
10.15 Violent Night ★★★ Santa
Claus is forced to take lethal action
in this fast-moving, laugh-out-loud
action fantasy. David Harbour (2022, 15)
12.15am The Machine ★★ Goodnatured action comedy (2023)

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2.20 May December \*\* \*\* \*\*
Provocative melodrama about an actor rehearsing a controversial role.
Natalie Portman (2023, 15) 4.25 Dance First:
a Life of Samuel Beckett \*\*
Lacklustre biopic. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12)

**Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

# Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 Time without Pity ★★ Provocative thriller in which Michael Redgrave tries to save his son from the gallows. (1957, Pc) 1.00pm Night of the Big Heat ★★ Sci-fi horror about a freak heatwave. Christopher Lee (1967, 15) 3.00

The Shape of Things to Come ★
Cheap Star Wars cash-in based on the
HG Wells novel. (979, PG) 5.00 Star Trek
6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space

Nine TV sc-fi adventure series.

7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger

TV action drama with Chuck Norris.

9.00 Precious Cargo ★★ A crime boss tries to rob another thief in this action thriller. Mark-Paul Gosselaar (2016, 15)

**10.50 Wheels of Terror** ★★ Mediocre *Dirty Dozen*-style wartime action drama. Bruce Davison (1986, 15) **12.50am The Witches** ★★★ Joan

Fontaine is a cursed teacher. Kay Walsh (1966,t2) **2.40–4.30am The Void**★★ Bonkers schlockfest about a hospital under siege. Aaron Poole (2016, 18)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

# Legend Xtra 📴

8.00am Monster Island ★ A beast is disturbed in this sub-par Godzilla cash-in. Fic Roberts (2019, 12) 10.00

Andromeda 11.00 The Philadelphia Experiment ★★ Scientists revive a secret wartime project in this perplexing sci-fi action yarn. Nicholas Lea (2012, 12) 1.00pm Earth's Final Hours ★★ Low-budget disaster movie in which dense matter from space stops the planet rotating. Hamza Adam (2011, 12) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Lord of the Elves ★★ Lord of the Rings-style mockbuster about a tribe that turns to humans for help against their dragon-riding captors. Christopher Judge (2012, 12)

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7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama.

9.00 The Shed ★★ Bullied teens use a trapped vampire to their advantage in this bloodthirsty, box-ticking horror. Jay Jay Warren (2019, 15)

10.55 Bloodline ★★★ Gripping revenge thriller about a counsellor who turns vigilante in an effort to help his charges. Seann William Scott (2018, 18)

1.00-3.00am The Shed As 9pm

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# FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE

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# **Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse**★★★★ 6.45-9.00pm Film4

ADVENTURE This animated spin on the superhero focuses on Miles Morales, a teenager who develops arachnid abilities after being bitten by a spider. Miles then encounters other spider-people from different dimensions, who band together to stop the plans of the villainous Kingpin. The Oscar- and Bafta-winning animation is gorgeous, and there are plenty of in-jokes for fans, while Nicolas Cage gets some good laughs as Spider-Man Noir, a 1930s gumshoe take on the character. The sequel, Across the Spider-Verse, arrives on Sky Premiere on Friday. STEPHEN CARTY (US 2018, violence, HD)

# **Bitter Victory** ★★★ 10.00am-12 noon

**Great Action** 

WAR In this fraught wartime tale, Richard Burton and Curt Jurgens lead an assault on Rommel's HQ. But Jurgens starts to crack after learning that Burton has been having an affair with his wife. The film veers from realism to surrealism and then to overblown melodrama, but the performances keep it grounded. ADRIAN TURNER (Fr/JIS 1957. BW)

# Guys and Dolls ★★★★ 1.50-4.15pm BBC2

MUSICAL When producer Sam Goldwyn set about filming this Broadway hit, he went after the best dancer he could find: Gene Kelly. Louis B Mayer wouldn't release Kelly for the role, so it fell to Marlon Brando to become the definitive Sky Masterson. With Frank Sinatra and Jean Simmons joining in the fun, what more could you want?

# A Room with a View ★★★★

4.25-6.45pm **Film4** 

**DRAMA** This EM Forster adaptation was the first major box-office hit for Merchant lvory, and everything about the film proclaims its class.

PG

Helena Bonham Carter, Daniel Day-Lewis and Julian Sands are impeccably cast as the trio caught in an Edwardian love triangle, while Ruth Prawer Jhabvala's screenplay is a masterclass in wit and erudition. **DAVID PARKINSON** (UK 1985, some violence, brief nudity, HD)

# • The Family Man \*\*\* 4.40-6.55pm C5

FANTASY Nicolas Cage is the high-powered businessman who goes to bed in his chic Manhattan apartment on Christmas Eve, but wakes up in a suburban home on Christmas Day, complete with a family. Cage has fun as the fish out of water trying to adapt to school runs and a blue-collar job, and Téa Leoni is spot-on as his harassed wife. JOANNA BERRY (US 2000, edited for language, nudity, HD)

# The Christmas Break ★★★ 9.00-10.40pm BBC3

comedy There's feel-good fun to be had in this festive film, which sees Chicago couple Caroline and Jack (India Mullen and Justin Long) visiting her family in Ireland for Christmas. While they debate whether or not to have kids, an old beau threatens their marriage – all as the family pub faces closure. Like a Christmas jumper, it's all very warm and cosy. STEVE MORRISSEY (Ire TVM 2023, HD)

# Drive ★★★★ 9.00-11.05pm Great Movies 13

THRILLER Ryan Gosling plays a stuntman who uses his skills to moonlight as a getaway driver in this stylish and very violent revenge movie. When married neighbour Carey Mulligan is menaced by gangsters, he acts to protect her, leading to bloody warfare. Gosling and director Nicolas Winding Refn's follow-up, Only God Forgives, is showing afterwards. ADAM SMITH (US 2011, violence swearing, nudity)

# 1917 ★★★★

10.30pm-12.20am **BBC2** 15

WAR Two young soldiers
(George MacKay and
Dean-Charles Chapman)
must deliver a crucial letter
to the front line in director
Sam Mendes's ambitious
First World War odyssey.
The mission takes the pair
across a booby-trapped no
man's land and into recently
occupied German territory,
all brilliantly filmed to give
the illusion of being shot in
one take. ALAN JONES
(UK/US/Ind 2019, violence, swearing, HD)

# Villain ★★★

10.45pm-12.45am

Talking Pictures TV

CRIME Taking inspiration from the Kray twins, Richard Burton stars here as a vicious East End gangster who rules by fear and the cut-throat razor. He's also adored by his mother and has a toy-boy lover (lan McShane). Wavering uneasily between horror, black comedy and sentimentality, the film is held together by Burton's compelling performance. AT (IJK 1971, violence, swearing)

# Sky Cinema picks

Finding Neverland ★★★ 4.15-6.10pm Sky Favourites Peter Pan's inspiration. (2004, PG) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

# ET the Extra-Terrestrial 6.05-8.10pm Sky Family

Spielberg's sci-fi classic. (1982, U) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Halloween Ends ★★★ 9.45-11.45pm

Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror The final chapter. (2022, 18) Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disnev+ and more



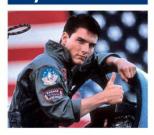
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# MONDAY

# Satellite, cable

# **Sky Showcase**



Top Gun 9.00pm High-flyer: Pete "Maverick" Mitchell

6.00am Big Cats: an Amazing Animal Family (AD) **8.00** The 80s: Cinema's Greatest Decade **9.00** The Simpsons 11.00 FILM Extinct

\*\*\* Animated comedy adventure
(W) 12.40pm The Simpsons 2.40 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive (AD) 4.00 Jack and the Beanstalk: After Ever After (AD) 5.00 The Nation's Favourite Christmas Carols

7.00pm A League of Their Own Ep 8 Series 18. With guests Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett

8.00 Rob and Romesh vs **Lapland** The comedians head to Lapland to try their luck at a range of Christmas-themed tasks.

9.00 Top Gun \*\*\*

Action drama starring Tom Cruise. A pilot is accepted into an air combat training programme, where he finds romance with one of his instructors. (W)

11.00 A League of Their Own: **Unseen** *Ep 9 Series 18*A look back at the best unseen moments from the 18th series.

12 midnight Tom Cruise: Impossible Missions (AD) 12.55am Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 1.35 James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 **4.00** The 90s: Cinema's Greatest Decade (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

# Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Stargate SG-1 1.00pm FILM Ice Storm ★ Sci-fi action 3.00 Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1

5.00pm Stargate Universe 16/20 Series 1. The crew is unsettled when the Destiny crosses into another galaxy. **6.00** 17/20. Tamara is given cause for concern when strange visions begin to plague the crew.

### 7.00 War of the Worlds: Annihilation ★

Sci-fi action thriller starring Sci-fi action triffier starting William Baldwin. When Earth is invaded, the US military is overwhelmed – but help arrives in the form of ordinary civilians.

9.00 From 1/10 Series 2. In Sheriff Boyd's absence Donna and Kenny struggle to manage the chaos. 10.00 2/10. It's a tense night in the diner as the residents wait for sunrise. Jim and Tom struggle to keep a panicked passenger quiet.

## 11.00 The 12 Disasters of Christmas ★★

Disaster movie starring Ed Quinn and Magda Apanowicz. When Jacey turns 18, it appears that she is the focus of a Mayan prediction that could bring about the end of the world.

**12.50am** True Blood **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Blood & Treasure **5.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

# Sky Atlantic



The Gilded Age 9.00pm Peggy questions her future

6.00am Urban Secrets 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.10pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.30** True Blood

**5.40pm Billions 2/12** Series 4 Axe closes ranks, determined to destroy Taylor, who is trying to keep the new company afloat. (AD) 6.45 3/12. Chuck faces a threat to his new career aspirations, while Wendy and Axe develop a plan to derail Taylor's business. (AD)

**7.55** Game of Thrones 1/10 *Series 3*. Daenervs arrives in Slaver's Bay looking to form an army, while Jon Snow tries to earn the trust of Mance Rayder. (AD)

9.00 The Gilded Age 8/8 Series 2 Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a woman who lives with her wealthy aunts.

10.15 Winning Time: the Rise of the Lakers Dynasty 2/10. Buss attempts to charm Red Auerbach, and Claire's mandate to get creative generates conflict. (AD)

11.20 Billions 6/12 Series 7 Axe turns to Chuck for a favour involving a common adversary. (AD) **12.25am 7/12.** Chuck and Wendy face a family crisis as a consequence of Senior's poor judgement. (AD) 1.30 Game of Thrones: double bill (AD) 3.40 In Treatment

**4.10–6.00am** Urban Secrets Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

# **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare 9.00 Border Security Canada's Front Line (AD) 10.00 Highway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare even back-to-back editions of the observational series following the work of customs officers at Australia's biggest airports.

**8.00 The Equalizer 15/18** Series 3 Aunt Vi enlists the team's help after realising her masseuse is being abused. Dante defies orders by chasing after the man who shot his friend. (AD)

9.00 The Good Doctor 9/22 Series 6. Shaun introduces a new performance rating system, sparking competition between Danica and Daniel.

**10.00 Departure 3/6** Series 3 As the investigation continues, the Captain's story comes into question when a video is recovered revealing an unexpected turn of events. (AD)

11.00 The Rookie 2/22 Series 4 Nolan and Chen's run-in with a thief tips them off to a potentially big heist. Nolan works up the courage to ask Bailey out. (AD)

**12 midnight** Private Eyes **1.00am** Transplant (AD) **3.00** Chicago Med 4.00 The Resident 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

# Sky Max



**Dynamo: beyond Belief** 8.00pm The magician on tour

6.00am Motorway Patrol 7.00 erry Pratchett's Going Postal (AD) **11.00** Agatha Raisin: Agathaland (AD) **12 noon** Agatha Raisin (AD) **2.00pm** Christmas at the Movies: double bill **4.00** Jack and the Beanstalk: After Ever After (AD) 5.00 Cinderella: After Ever After (AD)

6.00pm Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians travel to pland to try their luck at a range of Christmas-themed tasks. (AD)

7.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 8** Series 18. With guests Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett.

8.00 Dynamo: beyond Belief 1/3. Documentary following the magician on tour around the globe. **9.00 2/3.** The magician faces difficulties as his medication starts to take hold.

10.00 3/3. The magician tests out a new medicine to help him escape the isolation his illness causes. (AD)

**11.00 A League of Their Own: Unseen** *Ep 9* Series 18 A look back at the best unseen moments from the 18th series.

12 midnight Tom Cruise: Impossible Missions (AD) **1.00am**The Lazarus Project **2.00** New. Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** The 90s: Cinema's Greatest Decade (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

# Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fr 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Highway Cops 12 noon Highway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Motorway Patrol 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19: double bill (AD)

6.00pm Merlin: double bill. A curse descends on Camelot after Arthur slays a unicorn, then Merlin discovers how far Morgana will go for revenge (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis: Dr Weir and her team venture into the Pegasus Galaxy 9.00 Jamestown: double bill. A terrible crime throws suspicion on the entire colony, then the Rutters hatch a money-making scheme (AD) **11.00** Road Wars

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted 1.00am A League of Their Own: Unseen 2.00
A League of Their Own (AD) 3.00 Duck
Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four
Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

# **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00**Caught Red Handed **11.30** Motorway
Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sigh (AD) 1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 Most Evil Killers (AD) 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) (AD) 7.00 World's Most EVII Killer's (AD)

New. Forensics: Catching the Killer: hov
a 30-year-old piece of evidence helped
police find a killer 10.00 Method of a
Serial Killer (AD) 11.40 Killer in My Village 12.35am How I Caught the
Killer 1.30 Murdered at First Sight (AD)
2.30 Christmas Crime UK 4.00 Road
Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



The Royle Family 9.00pm A festive episode from 1999

7.10am The Two Ronnies 9.40 Still Open All Hours 10.20 Last of the Summer Wine **1.25pm** Keeping Up Appearances **2.10** The Green Green Grass **3.10** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 4.25 Trust Morecambe & Wise 5.25 Only Fools and Horses (AD)

7.20pm Dad's Army: the Animations Mainwaring drills his platoon in physical fitness. (AD)

7.50 The Vicar of Dibley  $lt\ is$ ten years since Geraldine Granger became the first female vicar of Dibley, and the villagers are keen to celebrate the anniversary. (AD)

9.00 The Royle Family The family settles down to watch TV after a Christmas dinner – but Denise interrupts the festive banter by going into labour. (AD)

10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Cathy's French boyfriend does not make a great first impression. 10.35 Agnes faces a busy Christmas when she stages the community centre's nativity play.

11.15 The Royle Family The Royles have surprise quests. (AD)

11.55 Miranda The joke-shop owner dreams of the perfect Christmas without her parents. (AD) 12.35am Two Doors Down **1.10** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **2.25–4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

# Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.00** Entourage: 13 episodes **5.15pm** Curb Your Enthusiasm: two episodes 6.25pm Curb Your Enthusiasm: four episodes. Larry attends a dinner party at the home of a former adult-film star **7.00** Larry tries to buy a bracelet for Cheryl **7.40** Larry misses an important meeting with actress Diane Keaton **8.20** Larry and Cheryl befriend their neighbours **9.00** New. Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: a satirical look at developments from the past seven days 9.40 Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! 10.55 New. Real Time with Bill Maher: a lively discussion of current events

12.05am Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.45 James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 3.15 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00-5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

# **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous 10.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 11.00 Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle 5.00 Friends (AD) 9.00 FILM R.I.P.D. \*\*\* Supernatural crime comedy starring Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Bacon. After Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Bacon. After he is shot and killed by his corrupt partner, Boston cop Nick Walker joins a team of otherworldly policemen tasked with capturing dead villains who have returned to Earth to continue causing mayhem 10.55 Michael McIntyre: Live and Laughing 11.55 Kevin Bridges: a Whole Different Story 12.55am Reginald D Hunter Live 2.30 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 3.25 South Park 4.15–5.00am The Middle Park 4.15-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

# Alibi



Father Brown 8.00pm The priest hears about an art heist

7.05am Murdoch Mysteries 9.45 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 23/24 Series 3. Holmes investigates when a member of his online beekeeping community is murdered, while Gregson asks Watson to assist him on an unofficial investigation.

8.00 Father Brown 10/15 Series 3. The priest becomes embroiled in an audacious art heist masterminded by his adversary Flambeau. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 3/8 Series 1. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder - and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 11/15 Series 3. The priest meets an inventor who comes up with an incredible way of solving his father's murder a year earlier by travelling back in time. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 15/15 Series 3. An actress, re-enacting a murder on stage, fires a gun - only to discover its bullets are real. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Death in Paradise (AD) **3.00–4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

# Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Wheeler Dealers **7.00pm** Outback Truckers **8.00** Railroad Alaska: wilderness homesteaders try to find an abandoned cabin **9.00 New.** Wheeler Dealers: Mike discovers a rare, 33-year-old Peugeot 405 while in Portugal (AD) **10.00 New.** 405 while in Portugal (AD) 10.00 New. Street Outlaws: Locals Only: in New England, Farmtruck and AZN select eight local racers to compete for \$5,000. The winner gets to race the Murder Nova for another \$5,000 in cash (AD) 11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: the team believes that it has finally found where Bigfoot has been hiding 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master

Distiller 1.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) 2.00 Street Outlaws: Locals Only (AD) 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

# Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing Up History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers (AD) **2.00pm** How the Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm How the Universe Works 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown 8.00 Greatest Events of World War II: the Battle of Stalingrad 9.00 Combat Dealers: a Russian client seeks artefacts from the fall of Berlin 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How II's Made 1.00am 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Greatest Events of World War II 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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# Sky Documentaries



Inmate #1: the Rise of Danny **Trejo** 11.00pm The actor's life

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) 7.00 Discovering: Shirley MacLaine (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Spector (AD) **12 noon** Althea (AD) **1.45pm** My Icon: Darren Campbell (AD) **2.00 FILM** Won't You Be My ? ★★★★ Documentary (W) **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Shirley MacLaine (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s The impact of the 2008 financial crisis

**6.55 The Vow** Nancy recalls her first interactions with Keith and the founding of NXIVM. (AD)

8.00 Spector Exploring the life of music producer Phil Spector and the death of Lana Clarkson. (AD)

9.00 Lance The concluding episode covers Lance Armstrong's work to raise cancer awareness, his seven Tour de France victories and his subsequent fall from grace.

11.00 Inmate #1: the Rise of

Danny Trejo \*\*\*\*
A profile of the "tough guy" character actor and former convict Danny Trejo, who uses his platform to help educate, reform and rehabilitate others. (W)

1.00am Kings of Coke (AD) 2.45 The Art of Political Murder (AD) **4.30** Premier League Legends (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Discovering: Shirley MacLaine (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

# Nat Geographic

8.00am Lords of War 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD)
12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Ice Road
Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Nazi Megastructures **4.00** Sea of Secrets: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00 New.** Apocalypse: the Fall of Hitler: Allied forces take over the West and the Germans retreat in the East **9.00 New.** To Catch a Smuggler: customs officers discover narcotics worth almost \$1.5 million 10.00 Ice Road Rescue: Bjorn and Thord rescue a truck stuck just 200 metres from its destination 11.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 12 midnight Airport Security: First Class 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

# **Sky History**

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Secrets in the Ice 12 noon Rust Valley Restorers 2.00pm Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 Celts: the Untold Story 9.00 Mew. Evil Genius with Russell Kane: 8.00 Celts: the Untold Story 9.00 New. Evil Genius with Russell Kane: the panel considers Richard Nixon, the former US president. Last in series 10.00 No Asylum: the Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story 11.15 Close Encounters Down Under 12.15am Pawn Stars 1.10 American Pickers 2.05 Kennedy 3.00 Secrets in the Ice 4.00–6.00am Rust Valley Restorers **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

# Sky Nature



# Secret Life of the Koala

8.00pm A look at the marsupial

6.00am OI Pejeta Diaries 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Patagonia (AD) 9.00 New Kids in the Wild 10.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 11.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD) 12 noon Beasts of the Big Blue (AD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Patagonia (AD) **3.00** New Kids in the Wild **4.00** Into the Wild: Colombia **5.00** Dawn to Dusk (AD)

6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue Exploring the wilderness of

Snares Island, with its colony of snares crested penguins, giant petrels and giant sea lions. (AD)

**7.00 Monkey Life** Following daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset. 7.30 Staff look after the monkeys, chimps and orangutans.

8.00 Secret Life of the Koala How the behaviour of koalas can vary according to regions. **9.00** Following two male koalas during mating season.

10.00 Beasts of the Big Blue

11.00 Dawn to Dusk Following Peruvian penguins, Colombian rainforest monkeys and iguanas as they try to beat the heat in the American tropics. (AD)

12 midnight Alaskan Summer 1.00am Monkey Life 2.00 Secret Life of the Koala 4.00 Patagonia (AD) 5.00–6.00am New Kids in the Wild

**Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

# Eden

9.00am Forbidden History (AD) 3.00pm The Blue Planet (AD) **4.00** Forbidden History (AD) **6.00pm** Forbidden History: four editions. A look at new theories about the Bernuda Triangle **7.00** Experts investigate what is hiding in the Vatican's secret archives **8.00** The secret history of the mass hysteria and lurid trials that led to the executions of 20 innocent people in Salem **9.00**Archaeological investigations reveal
new secrets about the life of Moses (AD) 10.00 The Blue Planet: Earth's marine life (AD) **11.00** Forbidden History: the Great Pyramid at Giza (AD)

12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Forbidden History (AD) **4.40** The Blue Planet (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

# **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Legends of the Wild (AD) 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked: Wayde and Brett build a 24ft-long tank with individual sleeping pods **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** India's Monkey Bulls and Parolees **8.00** India's Monkey Man Monster: Expedition Mungo: a strange creature sighted in New Delhi **9.00** Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Mungo **10.00** Edge of Alaska **11.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters **12 midnight** Crikey! It's the Irwins **1.00am** Edge of Alaska **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

# **SPORT**

# **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** The Football Show 11.30 Ref Watch: analysis 12 noon The Football Show 1.00pm Lunchtime Live 2.00 Sports Desk: updates 5.00 Sky Sports News **7.00 LIVE Championship** Football Birmingham City v Leicester City from St Andrew's (kick-off **8.00**).

**10.00 LIVE World Darts** Day four of the World Darts Championship at Alexandra Palace in London, featuring three first-round ties and one second-round match.

11.00 Sky Sports News 1.00am LIVE NFL New England Patriots v Kansas City Chiefs, the week 15 game at Gillette Stadium (kick-off 1.15).

4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

# Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am League Cup Retro 8.45 EFL Greatest Games 9.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 9.15 Championship Highlights 9.30 Women's Super League Football 10.00 League Cup Retro
12 noon Championship Football 2.00pm Championship Highlights 3.00 League One and Two Goals 3.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 3.45 Women's Super League Football **4.15** Championship Highlights **5.30** League One and Two Goals

6.00 German Football: highlights 7.00 LIVE Championship **Football** Birmingham City v Leicester City, coverage from St Andrew's (kick-off 8.00). 10.30 A League of Their Own (AD)

**11.30** German Football: highlights **12.30am** Championship Highlights 12.45 EFL Greatest Games 1.00 Championship Retro 3.00 League Cup Retro 5.00–6.00am EFL Rivalries

# Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444 **6.00am** European Tour Golf: the final round of the Mauritius Open **11.00** PGA Tour Golf: day two of the PNC Championship from Orlando 4.00pm Golf Academy (AD) 5.00
European Tour 6.00 Junior European
Open 6.30 Ryder Cup: Official Films
8.00 Legends Tour Golf 9.00 Junior
European Open 9.30 Ryder Cup:
Official Films 11.00 Legends Tour Golf 12 midnight Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 1.00am Legends Tour Golf 2.00-6.00am European Tour Golf

# **Viaplay Sports**

7.30-10.30pm LIVE Spanish Football Girona v Alavés from Estadi Montilivi (kick-off 8.00).

# **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

**7.00am** Tennis: Australian Open **8.30** Winter Sport: the Return of the Queen 8.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup from Alta Badia, first run on day two of the men's giant slalom. **10.30** Alpine Skiing **11.30** Triathlon **12 noon** Winter Sport: Mika and Alex – Sun and Moon 12.15pm LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup from Alta Badia, the men's giant slalom, second run 1.30 Cycling 2.00 Snooker 4.00 1.30 Cycling 2.00 Snooker 4.00 Alpine Skiing 5.00 Climbing Show 5.30 Teqball Show 6.00 A Voyage of Discovery 7.00 Cycling 9.00 Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games 10.00 Alpine Skiing 11.00 Triathlon **12 midnight** Tennis: Australian Open **2.00am** Triathlon **3.00** Cycling **5.00–7.00am** Snooker: Scottish Open



NFL 1.00am Sky NFL Rhamondre Stevenson plans to shatter the Chiefs' defense

# **Sky Premier League**

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

**6.00am** Greatest Games **7.00** Highlights **10.00** The Football Show Show 1.00pm Highlights 5.00 100 Club (AD) 6.00 Legends (AD) 7.00 Review 8.00 Soccerbox 9.00 Review 10.00 Class of 92 11.00 Retro 1.00am Premier League Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

# **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am International T20 Cricket 10.00 Cricket World Cup Highlights 1.00pm International T20 Cricket Highlights **5.00** Ashes Cricket: the moments from the 2023 series 11.00 International One-Day Cricket 12 midnight SA20 Cricket Highlights 3.00am International One-Day Cricket Highlights **4.00** Talking Cricket (AD) **5.00–6.00am** International One-Day Cricket Highlights: South Africa v India

# Skv NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 6.00am NFL Highlights: six games 12 noon Good Morning Football **3.00pm** Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize **5.00** Pro-Football Talk **7.00** Bitesize **7.30 LIVE American Football** The Famous Toastery Bowl, the college game from Charlotte, North Carolina (kick-off **7.30**).

11.00 NFL Fantasy 12 midnight NFL Review Show 1.00am LIVE NFL New England Patriots v Kansas City Chiefs at Gillette Stadium (kick-off **1.15**).

4.30-6.00am NFL

# Sky Darts

Skv 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 **6.00am** World Darts **10.00** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **10.30** The Taylor Years **11.00** Darts Gold (AD) 12.30pm World Darts 4.30 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 5.00 The Taylor Years 5.30 Darts Gold (AD) 7.00 LIVE World Darts Day four of the World Darts Championship from Alexandra Palace, London. 11.00 Peter Wright: Double Champion 11.30 Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 2021 12 midnight The Greatest Leg: 2023 Final 12.30am Darts Gold (AD) 1.00 World Darts 5.00-6.00am Darts Gold

# **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Playing Fields 7.00 Climbing 8.00 Premiership Speedway 9.00 Speedway **10.00** Snooker **12 noon** Speedway **2.00pm** Motor Racing **4.00** British Superbikes **6.00**Formula E **8.00** World Superbikes **10.00** Climbing **11.00** Alpine Skiing 12 midnight A Voyage of Discovery 1.00am Motor Racing 2.00 Formula E 4.00–6.00am British Superbikes

# TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

7.00am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 7.15 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, continued coverage of the final day of the first Test from Optus Stadium, Perth. 10.15 International T20 Cricket

**11.15** Europa League Reload **11.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **12 noon** Premier League Review (AD) **1.00pm** National League Football **3.00** French Football: highlights (AD)

4.00 Australian Football Highlights
4.30 Tennis: Ultimate Showdown
5.30 Champions League Football (AD)

**6.00** Premier League Stories (AD) **6.30** Premier League Review (AD) 7.30 LIVE Italian Football

Atalanta v Salernitana from Gewiss Stadium (kick-off 7.45). 9.45 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 10.15 Ariel Helwani Meets 11.00 Wrestling (AD)

1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE Monday Night Raw, featuring the likes of Seth Rollins, Rhea Ripley, Drew McIntyre and Cody Rhodes. 4.15 Andrew Mensah's Stand Un Kickabout **4.45** Australian Football Highlights **5.15** National League Football **5.45-6.00am** Goals Reload

# **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE International **One-Day Cricket** New Zealand v Pakistan, further coverage of the women's match in Christchurch. 9.30 Tennis 10.30 Basketball **11.30** National League Football **12 noon** Champions League Football (AD) **2.00pm** Europa League Football (AD) **3.00** MotoGP **4.00** International One-Day Cricket **5.00** Test Cricket **6.00** International One-Day Cricket **7.00** International T20 Cricket **8.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union Highlights **9.00** Fishing: on the Bank (AD) **10.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload 10.30 International One-Day Cricket 11.30 LIVE Super Smash T20 **Cricket** Auckland Aces v Canterbury Kings, the men's match at Eden Park Outer Open. 3.00am TNT Sports Reload

3.30-7.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Auckland Hearts v Canterbury Magicians, the women's match.

# TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Premier League Review (AD) 7.00 Italian Football: highlights 8.00 LIVE Australian Football

Macarthur FC v Wellington Phoenix, men's A-League (kick-off **8.00**). 10.00 Italian Football: eight matches **6.00pm** National League Football **8.00** French Football (AD) **9.00** Premier League: the Big Interview **9.30** Champions League Magazine (AD) **10.00** Champions League Goals Reload **10.15** Europa League Reload **10.30** Australian Football **11.00** Meatball Molly (AD) 12.15am Goals Reload 12.30 Basketball 1.30 NBA **2.00 LIVE NBA** Denver Nuggets v Dallas Mavericks (tip-off **2.00**). 4.30 NBA Action (AD) 5.00-6.00am Classic French Football

# **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am NBA 7.00 Wrestling (AD) 8.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union 12 noon Premiership Women's Rugby Union 1.00pm NBA 3.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union **7.00** Premiership Women's Rugby Union **8.00** Australian Football **8.30** Test Cricket **9.30** NBA **11.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union **12 midnight** Fishing (AD) **1.00am** Test Cricket **2.00** Europa League Football (AD) **3.00** Champions League Football (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Basketball



# **DOCUMENTARY**

# Secrets of the Aquarium

6.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer



This buoyant fish-on-thewall series ends where it began: with El Diablo the nurse shark. This time

he's not in trouble. It turns out he might be responsible for mate Florence being pregnant...

To find out, she's wrestled into what looks like a shark-sized sandwich bag for an ultrasound (it's the same machine used on humans). It's a light moment in what is a bit of a downbeat finale: there are tears from staff when Heidi the turtle doesn't seem to be getting better and Marcus reflects that his first year as curator has been "very stressful". It probably hasn't helped having cameras following his every move... FRANCES TAYLOR What it's like... page 9

## **DRAMA**

# Sister Boniface Mysteries

8.00pm **Drama** Catch up: UKTV Play Sister Boniface is following in the precisely placed footsteps of Hercule Poirot in her first feature-length outing, as she investigates a crime on board a train that's stalled in the snow. But while her surroundings may not be as opulent as those on board the *Orient Express*, there is an added element that will find favour with those who like a touch of MR James alongside their Agatha Christie at this time of year, as some passengers are getting spooked by what appears to be a horned wraith.

There is also, naturally, a dead body to deal with, along with a stolen jewel – all of which ensures that events move at a decent clip, which is more than can be said for the stationary loco. DAVID BROWN

# **DOCUMENTARY**

# Dickens in Italy with David Harewood

8.00pm, 9.00pm **Sky Arts** Catch up via Now

Sky Arts brings us a seasonal two-parter on our most Christmassy author. Dickens did not, of course, invent Christmas as we know it, but he did help to revive and reinvent its traditions for Victorian Britain – and America, too. So why the Italian theme? Most of us don't connect Dickens with Italy, but actor David Harewood believes we should.

For this urbane literary travelogue, Harewood follows in the footsteps of Dickens's formative journey of 1844, as he travelled to Venice, Genoa, Naples and Rome. Harewood argues that Italy had more of an influence on Dickens's writing and political beliefs than we realise. DAVID BUTCHER David Harewood's viewpoint: page 11

# DRAMA

# **Vanishing Act**

9.00pm ITV1 Full series on ITVX
Episode two attempts to find the root cause for Melissa Caddick's greed, but doesn't unearth all that much. There was a teenage romance with a con artist, which gave her an early experience of scamming. And at one point as an adult, Caddick saw a news report about disgraced financier Bernie Madoff, a man with the best case of nominative determinism there's ever been.

But as officials arrive to raid her Sydney home, all that's apparent is how obnoxious and almost pathologically avaricious Caddick is. It's hard to empathise as the house of cards starts to topple, but what remains of interest is the riddle of her disappearance. More on that in the concluding instalment, tomorrow at 9.00pm. **DB** 

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# **ALSO ON TODAY**

# **Only Connect:** Christmas

8.00pm **BBC2** The Muppets take on the Relatives in the first of four festive specials, hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell.



# **Vigil** 9.00pm **BBC1** In the series finale, Amy (Suranne Jones, left) discovers the full extent of the conspiracy and sets out to bring those responsible to justice.

# Kennedy 9.00pm, 10.00pm **Sky History**

The fourth and fifth of eight episodes see JFK storming his way to the top of US politics - and into the White House.

# **DOCUMENTARY**

# **Inside McVitie's** at Christmas

9.00pm **C4** Catch up: C4 streaming Crumbs (I'm aetting the jokes out of the way early), launching a digestive biscuit covered in white chocolate is a gamble. But, as well as Penguins that have had a "cracker" of a festive face-lift, this is what McVitie's hope we'll be buying this Christmas.

In this entertaining documentary there are factory statistics, characters working on the production line and some new research concepts, including "a food safari" to test potential whitechocolate toppings. That's a bit Goldilocks: some are too thin, some too thick, some too sweet... and one is just right. But what do the professional "dunkers" and influencers think? JANE RACKHAM

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# **Never Mind the** Buzzcocks

9.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now Greg Davies is popping up in more places than Santa himself. On Thursday, he guest-stars in Brassic (10pm Sky Max), and Taskmaster returns soon for its now traditional New Year's Treat. Now the former teacher is back at the helm of the raucous music quiz for this seasonal special – and he needs all his old classroom tricks to control the chaos.

Regulars Daisy May Cooper, Noel Fielding and Jamali Maddix are joined by Harry Hill, Little Mix's Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Kaiser Chiefs' frontman Ricky Wilson. Expect copious Michael Bublé gags, a rousing Slade singalong and boyband guests who make Daisy genuinely hysterical. MICHAEL HOGAN

ready to cook

up a storm

### MUSIC

# **Gregory Porter: Live** from Cheltenham

10.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer Gregory Porter has been playing live at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival for a decade, so he feels right at home there. This year's gig was as feelgood as ever: Porter's hallmark (apart from the famous hat) is a big-hearted warmth to his lyrics and stage persona that never quite tips into schmaltziness, though it comes close.

With a terrific band and a rapt audience, Porter beams through his repertoire of songs that sound like standards, even when they're not, including Revival Song, Concorde, Hey Laura and Take Me to the Alley – the last with a gorgeous clarinet solo from quest Giacomo Smith. By the end, the crowd are on their feet **DB**u

# IT TAKES TWO Si King and Dave Myers are

# The Hairy Bikers: **Coming Home for Christmas**

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer This is not the same sort of programme as their 2021 version because, of course, Dave Myers was diagnosed with cancer 18 months ago and is still having treatment. That's not stopping him and best mate Si King cooking together again, though, and they enthusiastically prepare a festive feast for all the NHS staff who have helped and supported Dave.

They also talk honestly about how hard it's been: chemotherapy caused Dave to lose his sense of taste. appetite and balance, so he hasn't been able to go out on the road on his beloved motorbike, which was especially cruel. The food looks delicious, but what's so heartwarming is seeing the closeness of the Bikers' relationship and Dave's renewed appreciation for life. It's emotional. JR See page 154

# LIVE SPORT



# Football: EFL Cup Quarter-final: Chelsea v **Newcastle United** 7pm (k/o 8pm) Sky Sports Main Event/Football

At 39, defender Thiago Silva is still doing the business for Chelsea.

# **Cricket: Men's T20 Series** West Indies v England 7.30pm **TNT Sports 1**

Fourth in a five-match series from the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Cricket: ODI Series** South Africa v India 10.30am Sky ME/Cricket Second in a three-match series from Gqeberha, South Africa.

# FILM OF THE DAY



# P Cyrano ★★★ 🖸

10.00pm **BBC2** 

The classic French romantic play gets a beautifully mounted musical update, with an excellent Peter Dinklage (above) belting out the tunes as the soulful but self-conscious poet who agrees to help another man woo his beloved Roxanne (Haley Bennett). (2021)

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# **TUESDAY Main Channels**

# **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD) 9.15 Animal Park The keepers bring in a renowned dentist to repair Harry the lion's teeth. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 For Love or Money Ashley John-Baptiste and Kym Marsh help a recently bereaved man. (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Frontline Fightback A young mum is killed by a dangerous driver showing off to his friends. (R) (S) (HD) 11.15 Homes under the Hammer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen looks around a house near Bristol. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt In Peterborough. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Father Brown 10/10 Series 9. A guest is killed at Lady Felicia's New Year's Eve ball. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas A look at recipes for sumptuous centrepieces. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00 Escape to the Country A couple want a new home in the North Wessex Downs. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 3/6 The actors travel to Leeds, Bradford and Whitby.

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies Quiz. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30am Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian celebrates the world of collectables. Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Escape to the Country In Cornwall. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Planet Earth III 1/8 Series 3. David Attenborough showcases coastal wildlife. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD) 10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.15pm Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD) 1.00 The African Queen Classic First World War romantic adventure starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. East Africa, 1914: a prim missionary finds an unlikely saviour in the gin-drinking captain of The African Queen riverboat. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 87.** (1951, U) (S) (HD)

2.40 The Railway Children Classic period drama starring Jenny Agutter, Sally Thomsett and Gary Warren. Three children have some marvellous adventures when they move to Yorkshire. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 87. (1970, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.30-5.00 A Countryside Christmas Matt Baker makes bird feeder decorations, Monica Galetti shares a family favourite Christmas recipe and Steve Brown makes decorations from simple items. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Guests, gossip and more. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Celebrity interviews, fashion and lifestyle advice. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) **12.30pm Loose Women** Forthright opinions. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson looks back at some classic auctions that raised high profits and high emotion. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Lingo A ballroom dancing couple, two housemates and a pair of brothers-in-law take part. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

# Channel 4

6.00am Come Dine with Me Junior doctor Gyles serves up a unique Caribbean feast, (R) (S) (HD)

6.25 Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (R) (S) (HD) 7.05 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.20 The Big Bang Theory Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **10.20 Frasier** Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.20 News** (S) (HD)

11.25 Christmas in Rome ★★ Romantic drama. After losing her job as a Rome tour guide, Angela meets a businessman and agrees to show him the sights. Streaming for 30 days. (2019) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.05pm Jamie: Together at Christmas Jamie's 2021 guide to stripped-back festivities. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (S) (HD)

3.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas The crafters compete to make the best wreath. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun A mother and daughter look for a property in Sarlat, France. (R) (S) (HD)

# BBC<sub>1</sub>

**BBC Sports** Personality of the Year 7.00pm Who will follow in the footsteps of Beth Mead?



# 5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Poet and comedian Tim Key, Taskmaster's Alex Horne, former Ground Force star Tommy Walsh, ex-England netballer Eboni Usoro-Brown, swimmer Sharron Davies, actress Rhea Bailey, garden designer Diarmuid Gavin and Emmerdale's Natalie Ann Jamieson take part in the general knowledge guiz. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, with Richard Osman. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

# 7.00 BBC Sports Personality of the Year

Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan, Clare Balding and Alex Scott introduce live coverage of the ceremony from Salford, Greater Manchester, as the year's key sporting moments are reviewed and the successor to Beth Mead is crowned following a public vote. The likes of England goalkeeper Mary Earps, cricketer Stuart Broad, jockey Frankie Dettori and world heptathlon champion Katarina Johnson-Thompson are expected to be in contention, in what has been another memorable 12 months.

The 70th staging of the show will look back at the event's rich history, as well as champion the unsung heroes in local communities who do inspiring work at the grassroots level of sport. Voting information is available on the red button 7.00pm-8.50. See p80. Director John L Spencer; Executive producer Gabby Cook (S) (HD)

See feature: page 37

# 9.00 Vigil

6/6 Series 2. Amy is left scrambling for answers after recent events, and when she discovers the full scale of the conspiracy, she must decide if she is prepared to risk everything to find those responsible. Kirsten puts herself in even greater danger when she agrees to meet with Sutherland. A box set is on iPlayer.

Sutherland **David Elliot** Sir lan Downing **Jumaan Zizzari** Sabiha Chapman Dominic Mafham Derek Mccabe Steven Elder DS Paul Townsend Noof Ousellam Rosa Escoda Lee Knight Naomi Stirrat Intelligence Officer Wright Arlene Royce Kirsty Besterman **Edmund Wiseman** Paramedic Fraser News presenter Kim Allan Laura Miller Conor Boru Judge Writer Tom Edge More cast Sunday
Signed repeat Friday 2.50am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

# 10.40 The Shawshank Redemption

Prison drama, based on a story by Stephen King, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Maine 1946: sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover, mild-mannered banker Andy Dufresne tries to adapt to the brutalities of prison life in Shawshank State Penitentiary, Over the years. Dufresne's friendship with long-term inmate Red, and the discovery that his financial expertise is suddenly in big demand, make his ordeal easier to

bear. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 87. James Whitmore Andy Dufresne Tim Robbins Brooks Hatlen Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding Jeffrey DeMunn Morgan Freeman Skeet Larry Brandenburg Bob Gunton William Sadler Warden Norton David Proval Hevwood Guard Mert Jude Ciccolella Paul McCrane Bill Bolender Captain Hadley **Clancy Brown** Gil Bellows Elmo Blatch Bogs Diamond Mark Rolston Director Frank Darabont (1994, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.55am Survivor: the Finals 15/16. With just four days left, a dilemma at the outpost provides some motivation for the final five as they make some difficult decisions about one another. At a tricky immunity challenge, patience, timing and puzzle skills are rewarded but who will win the necklace this close to the final? Shown Saturday 6pm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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# BBC2

The Hairy Bikers: Coming Home for Christmas

900nm Si and Dave are back to serve up fine festive fare



# 5.00pm Flog It!

In Staffordshire, items include a silver tea service with an inscription for footballer Stanley Matthews. (R) (S) (HD)

### **6.00 Butterflies**

Series 2. Christmas with the Parkinsons. Ria does her best to put together a perfect family Christmas. From 1979. Wendy Craig and Geoffrey Palmer star. Writer Carla Lane: Director John B Hobbs (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Secrets of the Aquarium

6/6. The Princess of Wales pays a surprise visit. Elsewhere at the Plymouth aquarium, Marcus wants to reintroduce seahorses but plans hit a snag, head of the jelly lab lan is hoping to breed fried egg jellyfish, while Florence the shark has a pregnancy test. Narrated by Joanna Scanlan. See page 80. eries producer Sue Doody; Executive producer Tim Green (S) (AD) (HD) What's it like..: see page 9

### 7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

2/10. Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee are quizzed. (S) (HD)

### 8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents the first of four seasonal editions of the quiz, with family teams the Relatives and the Muppets battling it out in a festive-themed game. More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (HD)

# 8.30 Christmas University Challenge

**2/10.** Alumni of UEA, featuring art historian Bendor Grosvenor, face a team from the Royal Holloway, London that includes novelist Tahmima Anam. Amol Rajan hosts. Continues tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

# 9.00 The Hairy Bikers: Coming Home for Christmas

When Dave Myers received a cancer diagnosis in 2022, it looked like the Bikers' adventures could be over. But now he's back with Si King, searching for seasonal ingredients to create a festive banquet to thank the doctors and nurses who helped with his treatment, the gourmets who enabled him to fall back in love with food, and family and friends who've supported him through his darkest days. From fine local delicacies to a traditional roast centrepiece and a pudding that defies expectation, Si and Dave are making up for lost time, determined to create the greatest Hairy Bikers festive feast ever. See page 81. Director François Galdofini; Producer Rosie Pooley (S) (AD) (HD

View from Their Sofa: page 154

# 10.00 Cvrano ★★★

Period musical. Swordsman and poet Cyrano de Bergerac is too shy to declare his love for childhood friend Roxanne. She, meanwhile, is besotted with Cyrano's handsome new recruit, Christian.

On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 87. Peter Dinklage Le Bret Haley Bennett Marie Bashir Salahuddin Monica Dolan Cyrano Roxanne Kelvin Harrison Jr Mother Marthe **Ruth Sheen** Duke De Guiche Ben Mendelsohn Montifleury Mark Benton Director Joe Wright (2021, 12A) (S) (W) (HD)

# 11.55 Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

2/3. Lucy looks at what happened after the author killed off Sherlock Holmes. See choice, page 61. Shown Sunday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55-4.25am Sign Zone 12.55 Animal Park Hamza and the keepers inspect the tigers' teeth. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.40 Louis Theroux Interviews... Ashley Walters 6/6 Louis meets the actor and director. Shown last Tue (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25 Being Kae Tempest Profile of the poet. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.25 Vigil 4/6. Amy and Eliza are taken hostage by the dissident group. Shown Sunday 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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# ITV1

**Emmerdale** 

7.30pm Aaron is left reeling when his attempts to humiliate Ethan backfire on him



# 4.00pm Tipping Point

Four contestants take turns on the supersized arcade machine. Ben Shephard hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh hosts as Farooq, Neil, Carys and Emily face one of the mighty Chasers. (R) (S) (HD)

### 6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

# 7.30 Emmerdale

Caleb Miligan

Charity Dingle

Charles Anderson

Aaron crosses the line when he humiliates Ethan, sparking a confrontation with Chas. Jessie Elland Danny Miller Chloe Harris Aaron Dingle Ethan Anderson Emile John Claudette Anderson Flo Wilson Lucy Pargeter David Metcalfe
Anil Goutam Eric Pollard Matthew Wolfenden Christopher Chittell Chas Dingle Amit Sharma Amy Wyatt Natalie Ann Jamieson Gabby Thomas Joshua Richards Gail Loman Rosie Bentham Rachael Gill-Davies Bear Wolf Belle Dingle Eden Taylor-Draper Jacob Gallagher Joe-Warren Plant Christopher Bisson Bernice Blackstock Samantha Giles Jai Sharma Jay Kontzle Jimmy King Tony Audenshaw Kerry Wyatt Billy Fletcher Nick Miles Laura Norton Bob Hope Lesley Dunlop Kim Tate
Jeff Hordley Laurel Thomas
William Ash Leyla Cavanagh Brenda Walker Cain Dingle Claire King Charlotte Bellamy

Roxy Shahidi

Brahmdeo Shannon

Writer Joanna Ebuwa More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

Kevin Mathurin

Emma Atkins Suni Sharma

### 8.00 Love Your Garden

Series 13. Alan Titchmarsh and the team are in the Oxfordshire town of Bicester to transform the drab new-build garden of local community heroes Adam and Alice, who help children with disabilities and deaf young people. Meanwhile, Katie Rushworth visits the exotic, retreat-like spaces at Cascades Gardens in Derbyshire. Executive producer Matt Young Series editor Ruth Binsley (S) (AD) (HD)

RT GARDENING Save money on a classic "Old English" shrub rose collection, secateurs and organic rose feed: page 150

# 9.00 Vanishing Act

2/3. Melissa's world comes crashing down when the financial authorities make a dawn raid on her house, seizing files, computers and hard drives, as well as all her clothes, jewellery and luxury goods. She is ordered to hand in her passport and appear in court in two days' time. Facing a long prison term, Melissa faces a big question: to stay with her family, or run for it? Concludes tomorrow 9pm. The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. See page 81. Cast Monday First shown on ITVX Signed rpt 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

# 10.45 Die Hard with a Vengeance

★★★★ Action thriller sequel. Following a terrorist explosion in a New York store, suspended police officer John McClane and shopkeeper Zeus Carver become players in a deadly game of "Simon says". Review p87.

Bruce Willis Targo Jeremy Irons Katya Nick Wyman Sam Phillips John McClane Zeus Carver Joe Lambert Samuel L Jackson Charles Weiss Graham Greene Officer Jane Kevin Chamberlin Sharon Washington Colleen Camp Doctor Schiller Stephen Pearlman
Larry Bryggman Dexter Michael Alexander Jackson
Anthony Peck Raymond Aldis Hodge Connie Kowalski Arthur Cobb Ricky Walsh Director John McTiernan (1995, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**12.50am Home Shopping** (HD) **3.00 Vanishing Act 2/3.** Melissa has to make a big decision. **See choice, p81.** Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Tenable All Stars** Five celebrities face the *Tenable* tower in a seasonal special. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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# **Channel 4**

# Inside McVitie's at Christmas

9.00pm Factory manager Brian Jones is ready for the festive rush



## 5.00pm Château DIY

At Janet and Philip's château, they try to complete their hallway transformation before their Christmas extravaganza. It's also all hands on deck for Wendy and Marcus as they prepare for their first murder-mystery party. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The second visit of the week is to Charlotte and Donna's Rooms at the Inn in Retford. Things get off to a rough start when Rob discovers some dusty furniture in his room. (R) (S) (HD)

# 6.30 The Simpsons

Holidays of Future Passed. In an episode set 30 years in the future. Bart and Lisa now have families of their own and decide to spend Christmas with Homer and Marge. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

## 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

# 8.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer

Noel Fielding is left to tackle presenting duties on his own as Matt Lucas dons an apron and ioins D.J. Annie Mac. comedian Ed Gamble and rapper Elliot Gleave AKA Example to tackle three challenges set by judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith. Who will impress with their signature stained-glass biscuits, jam-packed technicals and showstopping cakes that reveal what they did before they were famous? Director Ivan Youlden; Series producer Lucy Terrell Repeated Wednesday 8pm 4seven (Revised rpt) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 Inside McVitie's at Christmas

As the ultra-competitive Christmas market approaches, one of Britain's best-known biscuit brands gears up for its busiest time of year. McVitie's is attempting to stay one step ahead of its rivals by putting a new twist on the Penguin and creating the white chocolate digestive, but will they win over the public? There's also an insight into the challenge of producing over 92 million biscuits per day to tight deadlines over the festive period. See page 81. Executive producers Jeremy Daldry and Will Smith (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 Gogglebox

In this episode from Christmas 2022, Jenny and Lee, the Siddiquis, and Marcus and Mica are among the armchair critics casting their eyes over the festive season's offerings, from new dramas to traditional treats and classic movies. Executive producers Leon Campbell, Mike Cotton, Victoria Ray and Sophie Lloyd (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 11.35 24 Hours in Police Custody

Bedfordshire Police are called in to investigate after a complaint of sexual assault from a man who met someone on the dating app Grindr. Shown Sunday 9pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00am The Couple Next Door 5/6. Pete gives Evie an ultimatum, but it only serves to deepen her obsession with Danny. Shown last Wednesday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **1.55** *6/6*. The drama concludes with a tense showdown. As secrets come to light, more than one relationship comes under strain. Shown last Thursday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.50 The Last Leg Ep 6.** Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Joanna Lumley, Ahir Shah and James Blunt. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (HD) **3.45 Couples Come Dine with Me** Three couples from Darferd and Popular has a second to the composition of the couples from Darferd and Popular has a second to the couples. from Dartford and Beckenham compete. (R) (S) (HD) **4.40 Sainsburys: Christmas Food Secrets** Behind the scenes as the supermarket's food development team launches 300 festive products. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.35–6.00am Strangers on a Plane 15/20.** The holiday-makers visit a Barcelona water park. (R) (S) (HD)

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# BBC4

Live from

9 24 in Scotland **Gregory Porter:** 

Cheltenham 10.00pm The jazz and soul singer in concert



# 7.00pm Top of the Pops: Christmas 1977

Noel Edmonds and David "Kid" Jensen host festive pop charts, with Deniece Williams, Hot Chocolate, Baccara, Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band, Leo Sayer, Abba and Johnny Mathis. Repeated 2.25am (R) (S)

# 7.50 Steptoe and Son

Series 8. A Perfect Christmas. Harold is fed up with staying at home over Christmas, so he plans to go abroad. Festive special from 1974. Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell star. Writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson Director/Producer Douglas Argent (R) (S) (HD)

### 8.30 Yes Minister

7/8 Series 3. The Middle-Class Rip-Off Sir Humphrey is horrified when Jim decides to support the sale of an art gallery to save a football club. From 1982. Writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn Director Peter Whitmore (R) (S) (HD)

# 9.00 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey

Lucy Worsley follows the story of the carol, from strict Protestant Britain where the carol needed to survive outside the church to the story behind one of the most famous carols of all, Silent Night, and the role it played in the First World War Christmas truce of 1914. Director/Producer Edmund Moriarty Repeated 1.25am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 Gregory Porter: Live from Cheltenham

The Grammy-winning singer and songwriter performs at this year's Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Alongside versions of his favourite hits such as Revival, Take Me to the Alley and Liquid Spirit, Gregory and his band were joined on stage by American vocalist Lizz Wright and Italian-born New Yorker Giacomo Smith on clarinet.

Gregory Porter performing with the BBC Concert Orchestra at Maida Vale Studios is on the red button all this week. See page 81. Executive producer Paul Bullock (S) (HD)

### 11.25 Carole King and Friends at Christmas

The singer/songwriter performs festive favourites at a concert from 2011 that also features Sheffield crooner Richard Hawley, retro vocal trio the Puppini Sisters, Brighton group the Mummers, and New York jazz vocalist Gregory Porter. Director Janet Fraser Crook Producer Serena Cross (R) (S) (HD)

# 12.25am What We Were Watching: Christmas 1979 Grace Dent immerses herself in the schedules of 44 years ago, seeing if the schedules of 44 years ago, seeing if she can beat the year's Mastermind grand finalist and playing *The Generation* Game's conveyor belt game. (R) (S) 1.25 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol

Odyssey Shown 9pm (S) (AD) (HD) 2.25 Top of the Pops: Christmas 1977

**3.15–4.00am Hope Street 4/15** Series 3 Shay survives a near miss with a motorcyclist. First shown on BBC1 Northern Ireland (S) (AD) (HD)

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# BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

**1.45pm** Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas **2.15–3.45** Politics Scotland Budget Special 10.40 River City 11.10 The Scotts 11.40 The Edit 11.55 FILM: The Shawshank Redemption 2.10am Weather for the Week Ahead 2.15-6.00 News

# **BBC SCOTLAND**

**7.00pm** Nadiya's British Food Adventure 7.30 The Great Food Guys Christmas Special **8.00** Scotland's Christmas Home of the Year **9.00** The Nine 10.00 Paramedics on Scene 11.00 The Comedians at the King's 11.30–12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

# STV

**12.50–3.00am**Night Vision **3.50–5.05**Night Vision

# **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

**10.45pm** Representing Border **11.15** An Audience with Kylie 12.15am The Way We Were 12.40–12.50 Border Life

# **BBC1 WALES**

10.40pm Panorama 11.10 FILM: The 1.25-6.00am News

# **BBC2 WALES**

5.00pm Flog It!: from London Zoo in Regent's Park **5.30** Butterflies 6.00-6.30 Gareth Edwards's Great Welsh Adventure: Gareth and Maureen head to the seaside resort of Llandudno

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# TUESDAY Freeview

# Channel 5





Christmas on the Farm 9.00pm David Melleney takes the reins

5.40am Milkshake! See page 86 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.15pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.20 5 News (S) (HD)

1.25 A Heavenly Christmas ★★

Drama starring Kristin Davis. An overworked executive who had little time for the festive season is made a Christmas angel after her death and sent back to Earth to help a troubled family. Director Paul Shapiro (2016) (S) (W) (HD)

3.20 A Perfect Christmas Pairing ★★ Romance starring Chris Connell and Ansley Gordon. After receiving a bad review from a top critic, an experimental chef returns to her home town for the holidays, where she meets a man who helps her rediscover life's simple pleasures. Director Dave Thomas (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

### 5.10pm Jack Frost ★★

Fantasy comedy drama with Michael Keaton. When a neglectful father is killed in a car accident he has a chance to make amends with his son by returning in the form of a snowman. Review p87. Director Troy Miller (1998, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

**6.55 5** News Update (S) (HD)

# 7.00 Christmas in the Cotswolds

A trip to the Christmas market in the town of Broadway, where the high street becomes a winter wonderland of stalls and late-night shopping. Plus a glimpse inside a luxury hotel, to see how a top chef makes a festive afternoon tea. Producer/Director Gareth Fielding (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Tower of London at Christmas

The fortress is transformed as a winter forest springs up, a family of elephants moves in, and a giant Christmas tree is set up on Tower Green. The resident ravens get their own tree too, complete with sparkling decorations. Director/Producer Freddie Martin (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

9.00 Christmas on the Farm

Helen Skelton and Jules Hudson are back at Cannon Hall Farm for Christmas, joined by Rob and Dave Nicholson and former JLS singer JB Gill. An appearance from Emmerdale actress Lisa Riley brings festive cheer to the proceedings and Yorkshire Vet star David Mellenev visits reindeer in the Cairngorms. Executive producer Paul Stead (S) (HD

### 10.30 Body in the Snow: the **Murder of Joanna Yeates**

A true-crime documentary examining the murder of landscape architect Joanna Yeates and the subsequent hunt for her killer. Featuring testimonies from key witnesses and detectives. Executive producer Andy Dunn (R) (S) (HD)

12.30am Sleeping with My Murderer: lies lead to tragedy. First shown on 5 Star (S) (HD) **1.20** Casino (S) (HD) **3.20** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.25** The Toy Hospital *Ep 4* Shown last Friday (S) (HD) **4.15** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) **4.40** Friends (R) (S) (HD) 5.30-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105 +1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 30

**BBC4** listings are overleaf

# BBC3



This Country 10.10pm Cameras follow cousins Kurtan and Kerry

## 7.00pm Top Gear

Chris Harris goes head to head with Sabine Schmitz in one of motorsport's toughest events: a buggy race across the Californian desert. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD) Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

### 8.00 Divergent \*\*\*

Sci-fi drama starring Shailene Woodlev and Theo James. In a dystopian world, teenagers have to choose to live in one of five factions each devoted to a different virtue. But Tris doesn't fit into any one group and as a Divergent is marked out as dangerous. Director Neil Burger (2014, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

### 10.10 This Country

1/6 Series 1. The complete first series of the mockumentary starring Daisy May Cooper and Charlie Cooper. Kurtan turns his attentions to the scarecrow festival. 10.35 2/6. Kerry's neighbour Mandy Harris opens a tattoo business. 11.00 3/6. Kerry and Kurtan eagerly await

the release of their uncle from prison. 11.20 4/6. Kerry is inspired by a business talk at the village hall and becomes a door-to-door saleswoman.

11.45 5/6. Kurtan vies with Slugs over the affections of a girl new to the village. **12.15am** *6/6.* Kerry and Kurtan explore the possibility of moving away from the village. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40 | Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) 1.30 Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne (S) (HD) **2.15** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **3.15–3.45am** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

# ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **12 noon** Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show: Celebrity Special (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00 FILM** It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie ★★ A banker plots to close the Muppets' theatre as they prepare for their Christmas show (S) (W) (HD) **5.00** Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Catchphrase Christmas Special Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show. (S) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** The Ecclestons take on the Burns family. Gino D'Acampo hosts. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 6. A grumpy mall Santa threatens to put Tina, Gene and ouise on his naughty list. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Series 7. Bob gets involved in a gingerbread house competition. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Viva Espana!** ordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred irieix head to Spain. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Family Guy Series 19. Lois walks out on the family after they fail to help her.
10.30 Series 9. Stewie travels to the North Pole to teach Father Christmas a lesson. 11.00 Brian and Stewie encounter an exhausted Father Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 American Dad! Series 15. Stan's plans

for Christmas take a terrible turn. (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** *Series 6.* Stan decides to give Steve a gun for Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)
1.30 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.10
Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S)

(HD) **5.10–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD) ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

# ITV3



Van der Valk 10.00pm The detective looks into the death of a solicitor

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** Never the Twain: Simon's numbers come up in the football pools; **8.35** Simon and Oliver have a weekend in the country (S) **9.10** Wycliffe: Series 4. On Account. A supermarket manager falls victim to blackmail Repea 3am: 10.20 Lone Voyager. A famous yachtswoman disappears Repeated 3.55am (S) (HD) **11.30** Maigret: **5/6** Series 2. Maigret and the Minister. A vital report goes missing (S) (AD) **12.35pm** Heartbeat: **12/15.** Greengrass finds an unexploded bomb (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Scott and Syd flee the scene of their vicious attack, then Donna makes an admission to Pearl (S) 2.40 Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Harry is furious when Janice betrays his trust, then Steve faces a race against time to rectify Tracy's wrongs (S) (AD) **3.45** Midsomer Murders: Series 9. Country Matters. Controversial plans to build a supermarket in Elverton-cum-Latterly lead to murder Rptd 12.05am (S) (AD)

# 5.45pm Downton Abbey

5/9 Series 2. Circumstances dictate that Daisy's relationship with William moves faster than she would like. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.55 Heartbeat

13/15 Series 5. Nick investigates a spate of sinister burglaries, while Greengrass and Blaketon become trapped. (S) (AD)

# 8.00 Midsomer Murders

Series 22. For Death Prepare. Members of the Midsomer Mummers, an amateur operatic society, are rehearsing for a charity concert when the body of a man is discovered in the theatre, (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 Van der Valk

1/3 Series 2. Plague in Amsterdam. The detective investigates when the mutilated body of solicitor Susie De Windt is found strung up on a windfarm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Midsomer Murders Shown 3.45pm (S) (AD) **2.00** Holding: **2/4**. A key suspect vanishes (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Wycliffe Shown 9.10am/10.20am (S) (HD) **4.50** Never the Twain (S) **5.45-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.15** The Champions (S) **9.20** Robin of Sherwood (S) 10.25 Magnum, Pl: Thomas faces a dilemma (S) (HD) **11.25** BattleBots (S) (HD)

**12.30pm** The Champions (S) **1.35** Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.45** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.45** The Sweeney (S) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD) **6.00pm BattleBots** The two biggest bots in the sport are on the bill this time. (S) (HD) 7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Colin Jackson, Anne Diamond, Josie Long and Nicky Campbell. (S) (HD)

8.00 River Monsters Searching for the giant freshwater stingray in Thailand. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Extreme angler Jeremy Wade swims

into the lair of a snakehead fish. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 FILM Conan the Barbarian ★★★ Fantasy action adventure starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.40 New. All Elite Wrestling: Rampage Hard-hitting action from the USA. (S) (HD) 12.45am Auto Mundial (S) (HD) 1.10 Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) 1.35 The Sweeney (S) (SL) 2.35 Minder: Arthur decides he wants to retire (S) (SL) (AD) 3.30 Driving Force (S) (HD) 4.30 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 5.25-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

# Drama



Sister Boniface Mysteries 8.00pm The nun becomes stranded on a train

**7.10am** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Helen and Marc grow closer, then Marc confides in Kate 9.20 Classic Holby City: Dominic takes on a difficult patient Repeated 3am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Baz keeps Charlie on tenterhooks (S) **11.40** The Bill: the pressure mounts on Yvonne (S)

**12.40pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Jim struggles to lie about Dot's illness, then will Jim be able to keep Dot's illness a secret? **2.00** Call the Midwife: **2/8** Series 10. Sister Juienne's attempts to secure the future of Nonnatus House hit a major stumbling block when Trixie uncovers illegal activity at the Lady Emily (AD) (HD) **3.05** Last of the Summer Wine: Series 7. Getting Sam Home Christmas special from 1983; **5.05** Series 8 Uncle of the Bride. Compo and Clegg meet retired headmaster Seymour (S)

### 7.00pm Father Brown

**10/15** Series 5. **The Alchemist's Secret** The priest sets out to protect an old friend by investigating a 300-year-old secret hidden in a university. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 8.00 New. Sister Boniface Mysteries

Stranded on a snowbound train at Christmas, Sister Boniface is confronted by the theft of a cursed jewel and an impossible murder. See p80. (AD) (HD)

## 10.00 New Tricks

1/8 Series 4. Casualty. Sandra takes drastic measures to prevent Jack exacting revenge on the hit-and-run driver who killed his wife. With the team's future under threat, she tries to keep the truth about the incident from new recruit DS Karen Hardwick. Shown 710am (S) (AD)

# 11.20 Father Brown

11/15 Series 5. The Sins of Others. The priest struggles to save Sid from himself when he vows vengeance on his former defence barrister. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am New Tricks: 2/8 Series 4. Sandra's mother needs to move into a care home (S) (AD) 1.45 The Paradise: 7/8 Series 1 Denise plays dirty against an employer (HD) 3.00-4.00am Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

# ITVBe



6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

**12 noon** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **1.00pm** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.00** The Big Bake (S) (HD) 6.00pm FILM Secret Santa ★★ Romance starring Nola Martin. When a cynical advertising executive's Christmas campaign tanks, she volunteers at a charity to research

a more heartfelt pitch. (S) (W) (HD) **8.00 Christmas Dinner Date** Tyler from Surrey is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gino's Italian Christmas Feast A celebration of Gino D'Acampo's favourite Italian and British foodie classics. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.30 Botched: Most Outrageous Rejects A countdown of the top ten most shocking

rejects from the series. (S) (AD) (HD) 10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk hosts the relationship-based show. (S) (HD) **11.15 Botched** A woman whose face was disfigured in a motorcycle wreck. (S) (HD)

12.10am The Cabins (S) (HD) 1.10 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 3.15 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 4.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 4.35–6.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta: double bill (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS



# TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

# More4





Grand Designs 7.55pm Kevin McCloud meets up with and Marta and Colin

**8.55am** Kirstie's House of Craft **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD)

6.55pm Escape to the Château With the wedding season behind them, Dick and Angel get ready for winter and set out to establish Café Grandma in the dilapidated coach house – complete with funky neon sign. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud returns to Strathaven in South Lanarkshire to meet Colin and Marta, who wanted to build a metal-sculptural home on an airfield. (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** Junior, aged eight, is rushed to resus with an open leg fracture and internal bleeding after being knocked off his bike and is sent for urgent CT scans. (AD) 10.00 Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza The Plaza Hotel in Manhattan has played host to an array of celebrities, socialites and presidents. In this film, cameras go behind the scenes to follow the staff, from butlers and chefs to reception and housekeeping. **11.05 Dogging Tales** Photographer Leo Maguire's frank *True Stories* film accompanies men and women who engage in or watch sexual activity in front of 12.20am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD)
1.20 999: on the Front Line 2.25 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.30-4.00am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

## E4



**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm
The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family
4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 7/24**Series 7. Sheldon befriends Bill Nye. (AD) **6.30 8/24.** Sheldon punishes Leonard. (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** Hunter tries to prove his brother's innocence. Rptd Thursday 6.30am (AD) **7.30 Young Sheldon** *13/22* Series 5 George Sr learns his job is in jeopardy. (AD)

8.00 Modern Family 24/24 Series 1. Claire's plans for a family portrait do not go smoothly.

8.30 1/24 Series 2. Phil agrees to sell the car. 9.00 New. Made in Chelsea: Sydney Bella goes on a date with hunky Hugo.

10.00 New. Rick and Morty Series 7. A jaded Rick and Morty seek spooky thrills. (AD)

10.35 New. Harley Quinn Series 4. Ivy and Harley and transport in a time series 4. Ivy Harley get trapped in a time sphere. (AD) **11.05 New.** Nora, King Shark and Volcana are taken hostage at the LOD. (AD) 11.35 Gogglebox Double bill. (AD)
1.45am Married at First Sight Australia 3.00
Made in Chelsea: Sydney (SL) 3.55 How I Met
Your Mother (AD) 4.45–6.00am Baby Daddy

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Repair Shop at Christmas 10.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Dr Pimple Popper 10.00 New. 90 Day Fiancé 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 as 4pm 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

# **Sky Arts**





Dickens in Italy with David Harewood 8.00pm The author's journey

**6.00am** Bruckner Cycle **8.10** The Joy of Painting **9.10** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 10.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 Discovering: Clint Eastwood: the life of the actor 12 noon Andre Rieu: Home for Christmas 2.15pm Cirque du Soleil: Mystery of Mystère 3.35 FILM The Scarlet Claw ★★★★ Mystery starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. **Review p87** (BW) (W) **4.55** The Joy of Painting 5.55pm Alfred Hitchcock Presents A man kills his wife and buries her in the basement. **6.30** A secretary falls for a shady man, who pressures her to steal files from her office. **7.00 The Mystery of the Nativity** The mystery of the tale, which has seen artists conjure visions to fill the missing details. (AD) 8.00 RT CHOICE New, Dickens in Italy with David Harewood The actor and writer follows in the footsteps of Charles Dickens's little-known journey through Italy.

9.00 New. A journey through Italy's most beautiful cities, examining the country's influence at the author Sea 200 influence on the author. See page 80. David Harewood's viewpoint: page 11 **10.00 New. Future Perfect** Short films by four local Leeds artists and creatives. 11.00 Katharine Hepburn: Call Me Kate
A profile of the actress with archive footage. (AD) 1.00am Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 2.00 Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir 3.00 New. Big Brother and the Holding Company: Nine Hundred Nights 4.20 Ella Fitzgerald: Live at Montreux 5.50-6.00am Sky Arts Ambassador Bursary Shorts **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

# 4seven



Jamie: Together at Christmas (AD) 6.00pm A Place in the Sun A mother and daughter search for a property in France. 7.00 Amazing Spaces Snow and Ice Special George Clarke and Will Hardie explore small space design in Norway. (AD)

8.00 Aldi's Christmas Secrets The Aldi team prepares for their biggest Christmas yet – but after some problems, things aren't looking too merry. Shown yesterday 9pm C4 (AD)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox A host of famous faces and some of the country's favourite personalities hit the sofa to watch the week's big shows, sharing their witty reviews. Shown last Friday Channel 4 (AD) 10.00 24 Hours in A&E Mark, 32, is brought to resus with a head injury after suffering an epileptic seizure. (AD)

11.05 FILM Snake Eyes ★★ Action adventure starring Henry Golding and Andrew Koji. A mysterious martial arts expert sets

out to avenge his murdered father. (AD) 1.25-4.30am Depp v Heard (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

# Quest



**6.00am** How Do They Do It? **6.30 New.** Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Outback Car Hunters 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Saved and Remade Workshop 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 New. Mysteries of the Deep 10.00 New. Massive Engineering Mistakes 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Outback Car Hunters 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

# **Yesterday**





Caribbean with Simon Reeve 8.00pm The Dominican Republic and Haiti

**6.10am** Underground Worlds **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters

**12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: the Allied offensive in the Pacific

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo undertakes a masterclass in carving cuckoo clocks. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** The team values rarities at Hanbury Hall, Droitwich. Items include a jacket designed by Peter Blake, a nude painting and a sketch of Napoleon on his deathbed. **8.00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve** The adventurer travels around the islands and coast of the Caribbean Sea, beginning by visiting the Dominican Republic and Haiti. visiting the Dominican Republic and Halti.

9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek auctions off a Jensen Interceptor and a Jensen Healey.

10.00 A Roller and a Rover go under the hammer and a 1966 Triumph Spitfire is restored. **11.00 Abandoned Engineering** A look at Air Studios, on the Island of Montserrat, which became a mecca for rock legends. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00–3.00am Underground Worlds

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

# Dave



**7.10am** Mega Air **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Outback Pilots **11.00** Rick Stein's Road to Mexico: the chef reaches Oaxaca 12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm Top

Gear (AD) 5.00 New. Soapbox Race 6.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico Rick's journey draws to a close as he heads to the Yucatan Peninsula, where dishes like Papadzules and Sikil Pak are enjoyed.

7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons take part. **7.40** With YolanDa Brown, Rev Kate Bottley, Joel Dommett and John Thomson. **8.20 Would I Lie to You?** Guests include Ray Winstone and Ricky Tomlinson.

**9.00 QI XL** With actor Brian Blessed and comedians Sean Lock and Ross Noble. **10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Gary Neville hosts an extended episode. **11.00** Clive Myrie is guest host, with guests Andy Hamilton and Helen Lewis.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I Lie to You? 1.20 Richard Osman's House of Games 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 2.50-4.00am Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

# Sky Mix



**7.00am** 999 Frontline **9.00** Motorbike Cops **11.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **1.00pm** Nothing to Declare UK **2.00** Caught Red Handed **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise: the crew encounters a group of geologists threatened by a militant faction **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: a brief flirtation with an alien traveller makes Kes wonder where her future lies **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** New. The Equalizer: McCall and Mel help a student who is being threatened by someone inside a politician's campaign. First shown on Sky Witness (AD) **10.00** Road Wars **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of Colin Pitchfork

12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers: American serial killer Daniel Lee Siebert 1.00am The Force: North East **2.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

# 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS 12 noon Law & Order 1.55pm Entertainment News 2.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS Series 14. A Navy Seal disappears in a remote part of Paraguay (AD)
7.00 NCIS Series 15. Double bill. Agents in Washington, DC search for their missing colleagues **8.00** A missing US Navy lieutenant's body is found (AD) **9.00** Law & Order 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Series 11. A wealthy couple are found dead 12 midnight Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: three further episodes **2.50am** The Blacklist **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD) 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

# 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD) 5.10pm FILM Christmas Wishes and Mistletoe Kisses ★★ Seasonal romance starring Jill Wagner and Matthew Davis.
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Doctors deal with the vital issue of mental health. (AD) **8.00 New.** 29/40 Series 8. In Birmingham, a man who's been experiencing allergic reactions isn't sure what's triggering them. **9.00 Air Fryers: Christmas Made Easy** Looking at how to time the turkey and trimmings to perfection and hints to produce the tastiest treats on the big day. **10.00 Ambulance: Code Red** Critical care paramedics are dispatched to a nightclub where multiple stabbings have taken place. (AD)

11.00 Skin A&E Removing a facial cyst that is lying close to the temporal nerve. (AD) 12 midnight 999: Emergency Call Out 1.00am Making a Serial Killer 2.00 Revenge 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News **5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

# 5 Action



**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 11.15 Police Interceptors

12.20pm FILM Tall Man Riding ★★ Western starring Randolph Scott 2.05 FILM Attack on the Iron Coast ★★ War drama starring Lloyd Bridges 4.00 Trucking Hell 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6.00pm Police Interceptors Jon Peacock encounters a half-naked man covered in blood. 7.00 Dan Brigginshaw tracks down a driver who has given him the slip in Spalding.

8.00 The dog unit embarks on a hunt for an armed man roaming the streets of Lincoln. **9.00 FILM Lethal Weapon** ★★★★ Action thriller starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. Two detectives are teamed together to take on a vicious international heroin ring being run by former Vietnam mercenaries.

11.15 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught

on Camera A cyclone wrecks South Pacific islands and a cruise ship becomes stranded. 12.15am Criminals: Caught on Camera 1.15 Outback Truckers 2.15 Winter Road Rescue 2.55–3.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

# 5 Select



9.00am The Yorkshire Vet 9.30 Christmas Cruising with Susan Calman 10.30 FILM My Favourite Christmas Tree ★★ Romantic comedy **12.20pm FILM** A Swiss Family Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy drama starring Tim Rozon **2.10** 30 Tips to Cut Your Spend **3.15** Inside Cadbury at Christmas **4.15** Inside Harrods at Christmas **5.15** Jane McDonald's Highland Christmas 6.30pm A Christmas Cruise with Jane McDonald The singer recalls two festive cruises featuring previously unseen footage. 8.00 Ken Dodd: 60 Years of Laughter A celebration of the comedian's career.

10.00 Britain's Favourite 80s Comedy Classic sketches from the decade.

12 midnight Britain's Favourite Gameshows 2.05-3.00am Forged in Fire 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FF 313

# TUESDAY Freeview & films



**MasterChef Junior USA Specials** 7.00pm Gordon

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes An Air Force veteran looks for a fresh start. (AD)

7.00 New series. MasterChef **Junior USA Specials** Gordon Ramsay welcomes nine young contestants to cook up seasonal delights for a range of festivals.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at **Christmas** Boxing Day arrives and Deena and Mike race to a 71-year-old with chest pains.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A woman is airlifted to hospital after falling off her mobility scooter. **10.00** A man who has been hit by a car may have a bleed to the brain.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A man is left with a metal spike in his face. 12 midnight-3.00am One Born Every Minute: triple bill

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

# HGTV

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect 12 noon The Saved and Remade Workshop 1.00pm Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 Best in Miniature **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop 6.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00 New.** Martha Knows Best **8.30** Flip or Flop Vegas 9.00 New. Windy City Rehab: Alison's Dream Home (AD) **10.00 New.** Holmes Family Rescue (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions 12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect 1.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

# **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Secrets of London 6.15 Rumpelstiltskin 8.00 After Henry 9.00 Carluccio's Six Seasons 10.00 The Avengers (BW) 11.15 Kate Humble: off the Beaten Track 12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm Big City Life 1.00 FILM A Dog Named Christmas ★★ 3.00 FILM Biggles: Adventures in Time ★ 5.00 The Bizarre Pet Vets 6.00 London Live News **7.00** The Sandbaggers **8.00** Revolution in Colour **9.00** Murder Maps 10.00 Murder Most Horrid **10.45 FILM** Keep the Aspidistra Flying ★★★ **12.55am** Blunt 2.45 Care 4.35 London Districts 5.00–6.00am Serving the Royals

don Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

# Food Network 43



Elf on the Shelf: Sweet **Showdown** 11.00pm The teams

6.00am Cooking Christmas with Matt and Lisa 7.00 Beat Bobby Flav: Holidav Throwdown 8.00 Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special 9.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) **10.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **11.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas 12 noon The Pioneer Woman 12.30pm Valerie's Home Cooking 1.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) 2.00 Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special 3.00 Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas **4.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 5.00 The Pioneer Woman **5.30** Valerie's Home Cooking 6.00 Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special **7.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) **8.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **10.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas: AD) **11.00 New series.** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown: six teams create edible showpieces, starting with snowglobes 12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown 1.00am James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) 2.00-3.00am Christmas: the Nutcracker Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

# (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder. She Wrote: double bill. Jessica becomes embroiled in murder and espionage, then Cabot Cove's new priest faces a moral dilemma 7.00 M\*A\*S\*H 9.00 Randall and Honkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! 11.00 Return of the Saint 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

# True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 1.00pm A Stranger in My Home 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: double bill. How Michael Sams was prevented from kidnapping and murdering again, then Donal looks into the death of Nigel Bacon in 2008 **7.00** Judge Judý

**1.00am** Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files **3.00** A Stranger in My Home 5.00-6.00am Medical Detectives

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

# BBC Parliament 232

**7.00am** Work and Pensions Questions **8.00** House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees 11.30 Live Treasury Questions: questions to Jeremy Hunt 12.30pm Live House of Commons: coverage of the day's proceedings in the House of Commons **7.30** Liaison Committee with Rishi Sunak 9.10 ords Questions 9.50 House of Lords 2.30am Treasury Questions 3.30-9.30am House of Commons **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** 

# PBS America 84



Inside High Noon 8.30pm The making of the 1952 film

6.00am Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies **7.00** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **9.30** Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies **10.45** Inside High Noon 11.55 Spitfire Paddy 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti 1.45 Vikings: the Rise and Fall 2.45 as 7.20pm 3.55 Inside High Noon 5.10 Spitfire Paddy

6.20pm Vikings: the Rise and **Fall 3/6.** Seeking further wealth, the Vikings attack Constantinople.

7.20 Tutankhamun: Allies and **Enemies 1/2.** Exploring the story of Tutankhamun and his treasures

8.30 Inside High Noon The story of the production of the classic 1952 western High Noon.

9.40 Spitfire Paddy A profile of the Second World War fighter pilot, Brendan "Paddy" Finucane.

10.50 Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies As 7.20pm.

12 midnight as 8.30pm 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 as 6.20pm 2.40 as 9.40pm 3.35 as 7.20pm 4.35-6.00am Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn; behind the Deal 6.25 Ancient Superstructures 10.10 Cities of the Underworld 6.00pm Close Encounters: double bill. A diamond-shaped craft that shoots fire out of its base, then a Japanese aircraft that experienced bright lights in Alaska **7.00** UFOs Declassified: flying objects spotted above military bases during the Cold War **8.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: a perplexing UFO encounter in the west of Ireland **9.00** The Phenomenon **11.10** Top Secret UFO Projects
Declassified: an exploration of the organisation known as the MJ-12 12.10am Close Encounters Down Under 1.10 Close Encounters 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

# Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic 11.00 Bargain Hunt 12 noon Catchphrase (AD) 3.00pm Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: self-styled "Queen of Mean" Anne Robinson hosts the general knowledge guiz 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: Boyzone's Shane Lynch, Olympic athlete Colin Jackson, Emmerdale actress Fiona Wade and comedian Stephen k Amos combine their talents 9.00 The Chase: Dan, Claire, Andrea and Max join forces. Bradley Walsh hosts **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) **11.00** Bullseve 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD)
5.00-6.00am The Crystal Maze

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

# CHILDREN'S FILMS

# Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Milkshake! Fantastic Foxes: Their Secret World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa World 6.13 Sulliny Bullmies 6.20 Fepb. 196 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Gol 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 New. Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05–9.15am New.** Milkshake! Story Den

Full listings for Channel 5 are on p84

# **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.55 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts: Above & Beyond **8.15** Chuggington **8.40**Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50**Nick Cope's Popcast **9.00** Bing **9.05**Yakka Dee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30
Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: a
Magical Christmas 10.05 My Petsaurus
10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 The Toddler Club 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.20 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know? 3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10 Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know?
3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10
Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger Hamza's
Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40
Hey Dugges 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00
Dog Squad 4.10 The Game Catchers
4.20 Bluey 4.35 Supertato 4.45 Go
Jetters 4.55 Biff and Chip 5.10 Timmy
Time 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45
Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In
the Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm
New. CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

# **CBBC**

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**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.10 Odd Squad 8.25 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.35 Hey You What If? 8.40 Operation Ouch! 9.10 Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas 10.00 Our School 10.20 Nine Minute Ninja 10.30 Horrible Histories 11.00 Bitesize Daily 11.20 Seriously Raleigh 11.25 Super Mood Movers 11.30 Our Boarding School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.15pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.50 Dennis & Gnasher 1.25 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.40 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Blue Peter 2.20 Jamie Johnson FC 2.50 New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Peter 2.20 Jamie Johnson FC 2.50 OOglies Funsize 2.55 The Zoo 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings **4.15** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05**Total Dramarama **5.30** Hetty Feather **6.25** Secret Life of Boys: Farther
Christmas **6.35–7.00pm** The Next Step **CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

# ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

# ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45-9.00am Scooby-Doo

## **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 Teletub

# Film4

11.00am The Holly and the Ivy ★★ A vicar gathers his family for a startling revelation in this seasonal drama. Ralph Richardson (1952, U) (S) (AD) 12.40pm The Man from Laramie

\*\*\* James Stewart seeks the man responsible for supplying the guns that killed his brother in this exciting western from director Anthony Mann. Arthur Kennedy (1955, U) (S) **2.45 Leap Year** ★★★ Light and fluffy romcom set in Ireland, with just enough blarney to charm the susceptible. Amy Adams 2010, PG) (S) (AD)

4.50 Spies in Disguise ★★★ Charming animated spy comedy about a secret agent (Will Smith) who inadvertently gets turned into a pigeon. Tom Holland (2018, PG) (S)

6.55pm Sister Act \*\*\* Irreverent comedy with Whoopi Goldberg as a lounge singer who

hides out in a convent after witnessing a murder. (1992, PG) (S) (AD)

9.00 
☐ Our Ladies ★★★ Comedy drama about a Catholic girls' school choir that travels to Edinburgh for a competition. Review, right. Marli Siu (2019, 15) (S) (AD)

11.10 Good Boys ★★★ Raucous. sweet-natured coming-of-age comedy about three 12-year-old friends who get into all sorts of SCrapes. Jacob Tremblay (2019, 15) (S) (AD)

12.55-3.15am Baywatch ★★★ Crude yet also charming update of the popular TV series. Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron, Alexandra Daddario (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

# Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Bond of Fear ★★ A killer P hides out with a family on holiday. Dermot Walsh (1956, PG) (S) **7.20 Hangman's** Wharf ★★ Cheaply made but entertaining crime thriller. John Witty (1950, U) (S) 8.30 The Case of Charles Peace ★★ Stodgy British crime yarn about a real-life Victorian killer. Michael Martin-Harvey (1949, PG) (S) **10.15 Devil Girl from Mars** ★★ British sci-fi movie with cult appeal. Hugh McDermott (1954, U) (S) **11.50 The Writing on the Wall** TV documentary. (S) **12.55pm** Waterfront ★★★ Robert Newton drinks himself and his family into trouble on the Liverpool docks in this sobering drama, Kathleen Harrison (1950, PG) (S) 2.35 Lost Lagoon \*\* A shipwrecked businessman embraces island life. Jeffrey Lynn (1957, U) (S) **4.10 Brighton Rock** ★★★★ One of the most sinister crime films ever made in Britain, with Richard Attenborough

cover up a murder, (1947, PG) (S) 6.00pm The Black Arrow TV adventure drama. (S) **6.30 Scotland Yard** Docudrama. 7.05 The Four Just Men TV drama starring Dan Dailey. (S) 7.40 Dick Barton - Special

as a teenage tearaway desperate to

Agent TV thriller series. 7.55 Thunderbirds TV sci-fi. 9.05 Maigret TV detective series. 11.00 976-EVIL ★ Disastrous horror about a teen who calls a demonic hotline. Patrick O'Bryan (1988, 18) (S)

12.55am Night of the Demon ★★★ Scientist Dana Andrews comes into conflict with a sinister mystic in this superb chiller. Peggy Cummins (1957, PG) (S) 3.00 Phantom Ship ★★ Creaky mystery horror. Bela Lugosi (1935, U) (S) 4.20 A Yank Comes

Back TV short. 5.00-6.00am Stagecoach West TV western. (S) **Talking Pictures TV Freeview** 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Sky 504 Virgin 605



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# Great Movies 34

9.00am Grounded for Christmas

★★ Snowy romcom. Julianna Guill (2019)
11.00 Christmas Next Door ★★
Surprisingly charming romance.

Jesse Metcalfe (2017) 1.00pm Under the
Autumn Moon ★★ An executive
falls for a cowboy. Lindy Booth, Wes Brown
(2018) 2.55 The Birthday Wish ★★
A glimpse of the future. (2017) 4.50
Gone Missing ★★ Mums team up to
find their daughters. Daphne Zuniga (2013)
6.40pm How Do You Know ★★
Reese Witherspoon is torn between
two men in this witty but patchy
love-triangle romcom. (2010, 12)

9.00 Heist \*\*\* Writer/director David Mamet's excellent crime drama is packed with cracking dialogue and plot twists. Gene Hackman (2001, 15)

11.15 The Stepfather \*\*
Lacklustre retread of the cult horror about a serial killer creating the perfect family unit. Dylan Walsh (2009, 15)

**1.25am Woman on the Edge ★★** Maybe her sister's suicide was murder. Rumer Willis (2018) **3.30** Wild West Chronicles **4.00-5.40am** Fixer Upper Mysteries: Deadly Deed

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

# Great Action 42

8.10am Wild West Chronicles 8.40
Man in the Saddle ★★★ Actionpacked Randolph Scott Western. Joan
Leslie (1951, 16) 10.25 Fort Ti ★★ Ranger
George Montgomery takes on the
French. (1953, 10) 12 noon Wild West
Chronicles 1.00pm Massacre Canyon
★★ The Apache want those rifles. Phil
Carey (1954, 10) 2.25 Indian Uprising ★
Settlers-vs-natives western. George
Montgomery, Audrey Long (1951, 10) 4.10 Battle
Honours 5.20 Battle of the Coral
Sea ★★ POW Cliff Robertson must
escape. Gia Scala, Ieru Shimada (1959, PG)
7.10pm Supercollider ★★ Highreported illegates the light property a

7.10pm Supercollider ★★ Highconcept disaster thriller about a shift in time that threatens the future of mankind. Robin Dunne (2013, 15) 9.00 The Defender ★ Muddled Dolph Lundren thriller. (2004, 18) 10.55 Blood of Redemption ★★ A.550 Nation stars Dolph Lundgren and Billy Zane join forces. (2013, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

12.40am 6 Below ★★ Plodding thriller with impressive action sequences. Josh Hartnett, Mira Sorvino (2017, 12) 2.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00 − 5.00am Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

# Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am Hometown Holiday \*\*
A woman resolves to be more picky with her men. (2018) 10.00 Christmas in the Highlands \*\* A New Yorker finds love in Scotland. (2019) 12 noon It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas \*\* Fun romcom. Tricia Helfer (2019) 2.00pm Christmas in London \*\* Winter warmer. Laura Vandervoort (2020) 4.00 Christmas in Paris \*\* Romance. Rebecca Dalton (2019) 6.00pm Love You like Christmas \*\* A woman revises her views about Christmas. Bonnie Somerville (2016) 8.00 Christmas Getaway \*\*

8.00 Christmas Getaway ★★
Cupid strikes a travel writer when
she shares a mountain cabin. (2017)
10.00 Christmas at Holly Lodge

★★ A consultant falls for the owner of a hotel he is developing. (2017) 12 midnight Snowbound for Christmas ★★ Trapped with the new

Christmas ★★ Trapped with the new boss. Zarrin Darnell-Martin (2019) 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 – 5.00am Christmas à La Carte ★★ Foodie romance. Erin Agostino, Dillon Casey (2021)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

# **Sky Premiere**

6.00am Sky Cinema Preview 6.25 As 4.25pm 8.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry \*\*\* Gentle drama about a retiree who sets out on a 500-mile hike. Jim Broadh (2023, 12) 10.00 A Thousand and One ★★★ Empathetic indie drama about a struggling single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) **12.10pm** As 6pm **2.10** As 8pm **4.25 Mummies** \*\*\* Breezy animated comedy. Joe Thomas (2023, U) 6.00pm Violent Night ★★★★ Santa Claus is forced to take lethal action against mercenaries in this action fantasy. David Harbour (2022, 15 8.00 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★ Action-packed sequel starring Zachary Levi's superhero.

★★★ Action-packed sequel starring Zachary Levi's superhero. Review p47. Asher Angel (2023, 12) 10.15 The Machine ★★ Goodnatured action comedy based on a true story. Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill (2023, 15) 12.15am May December ★★★ Provocative melodrama about an

actor rehearsing a controversial role, Natalie Portman, Julianne Moore (2023, 15)

2.20 As 10.00am 4.25 Love Again

★ Schmaltzy romcom. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12) 5.50 Sky Cinema Preview

**Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

# Legend

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FILM

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
The Shape of Things to Come ★
Cheap Star Wars cash-in, based on
the HG Wells novel. Jack Palance (1979, PG)
1.00pm Meteor Apocalypse ★★
Low-budget disaster thriller. Joe Lando
(2010) 3.00 Robot Overlords ★★
Old-fashioned sci-fi adventure.
Ben Kingsley (2014, 12) 5.00 Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker. Texas Ranger

TV action drama with Chuck Norris 9.00 Sweeney! \*\*\* Tough police drama based on the TV series starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman. (1976, 18)

Walker is in the driving seat for this novel man-on-the-run thriller. (2013, 12)

12.40am Open 24 Hours ★★

Blood-soaked slasher movie. Vanessa Grasse (2018, 18) **2.40–4.30am Alive**\*\*\* Gory mystery set in a creepy facility. Thomas Cocquerel, Camille Stopps (2018, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

# Legend Xtra 🙉

8.00am Earth's Final Hours ★★
Low-budget disaster movie in which
dense matter from space stops the
planet rotating. Hamza Adam (2011, 12)
10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Lord of
the Elves ★★ Lord of the Ringsstyle mockbuster about an enslaved
tribe that turns to humans for help
against their dragon-riding captors.
Christopher Judge (2012, 12) 1.00pm Killer
Wave 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star
Trek 5.00 G-Loc ★★ Low-budget
and talky British sci-fi thriller about a
man who flees Earth and heads for a
refugee planet. Stephen Moyer (2020, 12)
7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 Lonesome Dove Church ★★ Patchy but action-packed western with Tom Berenger as a preacher who comes to the aid of his son, who is wrongfully accused of murder. Greyston Holt (2014)

accused of murder. Greyston Holt (2014)
10.50 Mara ★★ Decent chiller
about a criminal psychologist who
believes a sleep demon is responsible
for a slew of killings. 0lga Kurylenko (2018, 15)
1.00-3.00am As 9pm

**Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371

# FILM REVIEWS



**P** Cyrano ★★★ 10.00-11.55pm BBC2

PERIOD MUSICAL Director Joe Wright delivers a palatable adaptation of Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac, transforming the 19th-century play into an extravagant musical. Peter Dinklage plays Cyrano, a solider and raconteur who pines after the beautiful Roxanne (Haley Bennett). But his romantic endeavours are hindered by his belief that his short stature renders him undesirable. Instead, Cyrano uses his poetic prowess to help the inarticulate Christian (Kelvin Harrison Jr) to woo Roxanne. The songs are so-so, but Dinklage is utterly captivating. KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR

(UK/It/Can/US 2021, some violence, swearing, discriminatory themes, HD)

# The African Queen 1.00-2.40pm BBC2

ADVENTURE This classic romance pairs Katharine Hepburn as a missionary and Humphrey Bogart as the riverboat skipper who helps her flee the Germans. Initially, all was not well between the two leads, and the location shoot was a strain on all involved in the production, but the discord and discomfort resulted in something truly memorable. DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1951, HD)

# The Railway Children

2.40-4.30pm **BBC2** 

DRAMA Told with intelligence and humour, this is one of the finest family films ever made in Britain. The story follows three Edwardian siblings as they relocate to Yorkshire with their mother (Dinah Sheridan), following their father's wrongful arrest for treason. It's packed with memorable moments and Jenny Agutter is magnificent as Bobbie. DP (UK 1970, HD)

The Scarlet Claw \*\*\*

3.35-4.55pm Sky Arts

MYSTERY This is possibly the best film in Universal Studios' series starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson. The story involves a series of murders plaguing a Canadian village, and director Roy William Neill makes good use of the foggy, supernatural atmosphere. There's more from the Holmes casebook all this week on Sky Arts.

TOM HUTCHINSON (IS 1944 BW HD)

# Jack Frost ★★

5.10-6.55pm **C5** 

FANTASY In this charmless fable, a dead rock musician (played by Michael Keaton) is resurrected as a snowman to watch over the son he neglected when he was alive. If it had been played as farce, this might have worked. Instead, the script aims for the resonance of *Ghost*, with the whole movie coated in sickly icing. JASON CARO (US 1998, may be edited for language, HD)

# **□** Our Ladies ★★★

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9.00-11.10pm **Film4** 

COMEDY DRAMA Students from a Catholic girls' school in Fort William aim to misbehave while attending an Edinburgh choir competition in this spirited adaptation of Alan Warner's novel *The Sopranos*. Tallulah Greive (playing a girl in recovery from leukaemia) and Marli Siu (as a big-voiced pop wannabe) stand out from the ensemble, in a film that is as endearing as it is fun. TREVOR JOHNSTON (UK 2019, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery ★★★
9.00-11.00pm

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Comedy Central

SPOOF This Swinging Sixties spy romp expertly mocks every groovy fad, psychedelic fashion and musical style of the period. Mike Myers is brilliant as the secret agent-cum-fashion photographer who is cryogenically frozen in the 1960s and thawed out in the 90s to foil the plans of his arch enemy Dr Evil (Myers again). It's both sophisticated and hysterically stupid. ALAN JONES (US 1997, swearing, nudity, HD)

The Shawshank Redemption
10.40pm-12.55am

BBC1 (starts 11.10pm in Wales,
11.55pm in Scotland)

DRAMA This deeply moving spin on a Stephen King story is one of the best screen adaptations of the novelist's work. Tim Robbins plays a banker sent to prison for murder, who befriends fellow lifer Morgan Freeman. Under Frank Darabont's inspired direction, both leads rise to the challenge of portraying dignity against the odds. AJ (US 1994, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

Die Hard with a Vengeance ★★★★ 10.45pm-12.50am ITV1 (not in Border Scotland) IE

ACTION Jeremy Irons plays a bomber with a score to settle in this exciting third instalment in the series. He keeps cop Bruce Willis and shopkeeper Samuel L Jackson on their toes with a set of tasks that give a high-speed labours-of-Hercules twist to the plot. Jackson and Willis trade quips and insults at a pace that matches the breathless action. DP (US 1995, violence, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

# Sky Cinema picks

**The Da Vinci Code** ★★★ 5.25-8.00pm **Sky Thriller** Tom Hanks deciphers

history's secrets. (2006, 12) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

# **Batman Returns** ★★★★ 8.00-10.10pm **Sky Christmas**

8.00-10.10pm **Sky Christmas** Enter the Catwoman! (1992, 15) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

# The Raid ★★★★

10.05-11.50pm **Sky Hits** Thrilling action yarn. (2011, 18) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# TUESDAY

# Satellite, cable

# **Sky Showcase**



Bean 5.45pm Rowan Atkinson stars as the hapless hero

6.00am Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (AD) **7.00** Dr Seuss' The Grinch Musical! (AD) 8.35 Madagascar: a Little Wild **9.00** Morph's Epic Adventures **9.30** The Simpsons 12 noon FILM Dragon Rider ★★★ Animated fantasy adventure (AD) (W) 1.45pm How to Train Your Dragon Homecoming (AD) **2.15** The Simpsons **3.45** Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) **4.45** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD)

**5.45pm Bean** ★★★★ Comedy starring Rowan Atkinson as accident-prone Mr Bean. (W)

7.30 The Unofficial Science of **Home Alone** Guz Khan and James Acaster re-create booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD)

9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks A festive edition of the comedy panel show with Leigh-Anne Pinnock, Harry Hill

and Ricky Wilson. See p81. (AD) 10.00 Dynamo Is Dead Dynamo embarks on a journey to explore mental health and wellbeing.

12 midnight Rob and Romesh vs Lapland (AD) 1.00am A League of Their Own: Unseen 2.00 Smothered 3.00 Caught on Dashcam Winter Special 4.00 Christmas at the Movies 5.00-6.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: two episodes

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

# Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Stargate SG-1 **1.00pm FILM** Jungle Run ★★ Action adventure starring Richard Grieco 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1

5.00pm Stargate Universe 18/20 Series 1. Rush suspects Telford is a spy, and decides to use the communication stones to put his theory to the test. 6.00 19/20. Young interrogates Telford and discovers that the Destiny is in danger, so the crew launches a pre-emptive attack.

**7.00 Robotapocalypse ★**Sci-fi action thriller starring
Tito Ortiz and Katalina Viteri. The US military, with the help of an expert hacker, goes to wa

against a sentient Al. 9.00 From 3/10 Series 2. Kenny and Ellis make a grisly discovery, while Boyd struggles with the reality of what is happening to him. **10.00 4/10.** As Boyd's condition grows more alarming, Sara's

return puts him in a difficult position. 11.00 The Ark 9/12. Loyalties are sted when discord gives way to mutiny after an unpopular decision. **12 midnight 10/12.** The situation on board Ark One seems hopeless as crew members are taken hostage. 1.00am Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol

3.00 Primeval 4.00 Blood & Treasure 5.00–6.00am Most Haunted

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/H**D** 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

# Sky Atlantic



The Undoing 9.00pm Grace learns she's being followed

6.00am Urban Secrets 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.10pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.10** The Affair (AD) 3.20 True Blood

**5.40pm Billions 4/12** Series 4 As Axe Cap suffers an attack at a crucial moment, Taylor considers going into business with an unexpected partner. (AD) **6.50** *5/12.* Chuck begins work in

a new role, while Axe is surprised by a visitor from his past. (AD)

**7.55** Game of Thrones 2/10 Series 3. Margaery and her grandmother encourage Sansa to speak freely about Joffrey. Jaime finds a way to pass the time. (AD)

9.00 The Undoing 3/6. Jonathan resurfaces as Grace learns about his recent troubles at work. Later, she finds herself being followed by someone close to Élena. (AD)

10.05 The Gilded Age 7/8 Series 2 eriod drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

11.10 The Staircase 4/8 In 2003, old wounds reopen as the Petersons' eldest son Clayton returns home. (AD)

12.25am Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) 1.30 Game of Thrones: two episodes (AD) 3.40 In Treatment 4.10-6.00am Urban Secrets Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

# **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare 9.00 Border Security Canada's Front Line (AD) 10.00 Highway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed: two editions

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven back-to-back editions of the observational documentary series following the work of customs officers at Australia's airports.

**8.00 The Equalizer 16/18** Series 3 A CIA mission in Paris involves Robyn connecting with a former colleague. Delilah's pursuit of an internship proves challenging. (AD)

9.00 Blue Bloods 13/16 Series 11 Jamie faces a reprimand when he refuses to explain why he contests the arrest report of an officer. (AD)

10.00 For Life 9/13. Aaron pushes to represent long-serving inmate Easley Barton in the hope that winning the case will strengthen his own. (AD)

11.00 The Rookie 3/22 Series 4 Nolan and Chen are called out to a fire, and take it upon themselves to rescue a trapped man instead of waiting for the firefighters. (AD)

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Private Eyes **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Chicago Med 4.00 The Resident 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

# Sky Max



**Never Mind the Buzzcocks** 9.00pm A Christmas special

6.00am Motorway Patrol 7.00 Dr Seuss' The Grinch Musical! (AD) 8.30 The Ultimate Christmas Movies (AD) **9.30** A League of Their Own (AD) **10.30** A League of Their Own's Christmas Holiday (AD)

11.30 A League of Their Own (AD) 3.30pm Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) 4.30 Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 5.30 Rob and Romesh vs Christmas (AD)

6.30pm Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice 6/6 Series 4 Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan join a spectacular Disney on Ice show. (AD)

7.30 The Unofficial Science of Home Alone Guz Khan and James Acaster re-create booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD)

9.00 New. Never Mind the Buzzcocks A festive edition of the comedy panel show with Leigh-Anne Pinnock, Harry Hill and Ricky Wilson. See p81. (AD)

10.00 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and wellbeing.

12 midnight Rob and Romesh vs. Lapland (AD) 1.00am A League of Their Own: Unseen **2.00** The Overlap on Tour (AD) **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** Christmas at the Movies **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

# Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) **9.00** Four Weddings **10.00** The Real 9.00 Four Weddings 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Highway Cops 12 noon Highway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Motorway Patrol 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 (AD) 6.00 Merlin: two episodes. Arthur is mortally wounded and only Merlin can save him, then the wizard discovers the new servant is a conman chasing a precious jewel (AD) **8.00** Stargate Atlantis: unable to return to Earth, Weir and the team go in search of an alternative fuel source 9.00 Jamestown: double bill (AD)
11.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 12 midnight Road Wars 1.00am Trollied: the Robbery (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) **5.00–6.00am** 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

# **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 9.00

New. Who Killed Robert Wone 10.40
World's Most Evil Killers 11.40 Killer in My Village 12.40am The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer **1.40** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **2.40** Christmas Crime UK **4.00** Road Wars **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

# Gold



The Vicar of Dibley 8.20pm Geraldine is turning 40

7.20am The Two Ronnies 8.50 Still Open All Hours **9.25** 2 Point 4 Children **10.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.05pm** The Green Green Grass **1.05** Citizen Khan (AD) **1.40** Trust Morecambe and Wise **2.40** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **3.55** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **4.40** Trust Morecambe & Wise 5.40 Only Fools and Horses (AD)

7.00pm Dad's Army Mainwaring's men take on a rival platoon.

8.20 The Vicar of Dibley eraldine is keen to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Live Aid. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes vows to make her nativity play unforgettable – although her patience is tested when her family keep asking her for the best parts.

9.40 The Royle Family Almost seven years have passed since Baby David's christening, but Jim is still setting the world to rights and Denise is pregnant again. (AD)

10.55 Miranda The shop owner has to decide whether to accept Gary or Mike's proposal. (AD) **11.35** The very last episode sees the shopkeeper makes a final attempt to find happiness. (AD)

**12.15am** The Cockfields (AD) **1.20** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **2.05** Mrs Brown's Boys 2.45-4.00am The Royle Family (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

# Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.30pm** Entourage: eight episodes. Actor Vincent Chase prepares to attend the opening of his latest film **6.10** Vince awaits the critics' verdict on *Head On* 6.45 Vince meets a face from the past on a TV talk show **7.25** Vince's film is released and faces stiff competition **8.00** The gang are unimpressed by Vince's new girlfriend **8.30** Vince and Eric grow dissatisfied with Ari **9.00** The boys are concerned with the new script for *Queens Boulevard* **9.35** Vince prepares to leave LA 10.15 Amy Schumer Live at the Apollo: stand-up comedy on the themes of food and getting in shape 11.30 Breeders: Jackie's health worsens 12 midnight Smothered 1.00am New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fa 2.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00– 5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

# **Comedy Central**

**8.00am** Most Ridiculous **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Christmas **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show 11.00 Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle 5.30 Friends (AD) 3.00 The Middle 5.30 Friends (AD)
9.00 FILM Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery ★★★ Spy spoof with Mike Myers. Cryogenically preserved since the 1960s, super-agent Austin Powers emerges from hibernation to do battle with his nemesis, Doctor Evil, who is threatening world domination. Review p87. 11.00 Jason Manford Live: First World Problems 12.40am Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies 1.40 Jimmy Carr: Comedy Central Live 2.05 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 3.05 South Park 4.15-5.00am The Middle South Park **4.15–5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

# Alibi



So Help Me Todd 9.00pm Margaret prepares for a date

7.35am Murdoch Mysteries

8.20 Death in Paradise (AD) 7.00pm Elementary 24/24

Series 3. Sherlock's former sponsor Alfredo vanishes, leaving the sleuth concerned that he has relapsed into drug addiction, so Gregson and Bell agree to help find him.

8.00 Father Brown 11/15 Series 3 The priest meets an inventor who comes up with a way of solving his father's murder a year earlier by travelling back in time. (AD)

9.00 New. So Help Me Todd 17/21. Margaret helps a client whose mother died during a routine surgery at Allison's hospital. And Margaret and Gus go on their first date.

10.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 2. The owner of a plantation is found with a machete in his back - but all the suspects appear to have alibis. Stephanie Beacham and Tom Ward guest-star. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 1/16 Series 4 Jane and Maura investigate the assassination of the state senator at a community parade, while Casey makes a surprise visit with news regarding his future plans. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Death in Paradise (AD) **3.05– 4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

# **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Gold Rush **7.00pm** Outback Truckers **8.00** Railroad Alaska **9.00** New. Gold Rush: Parker battles to bring in his first Money Pit gold at Dominion Creek. Rick auditions Buzz, and tensions flare when the wash plant doesn't fire up 10.00 New. Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch: after uncovering a bar of gold at the Bead Site, Chad and James set out to research where it might have come from and see whether they can find more (AD) **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: after coming close to proving the existence of Bigfoot in Oregon, the team continue their search in Kentucky 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Gold Rush 2.00 Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

# Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing Up History 9.00 Greatest Events of World War II 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm How the Universe Works 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History: experts uncover new evidence of the underground bunker of Adolf Hitler 6.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Liptopown Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown (AD) 8.00 Greatest Events of World War II 9.00 Combat Dealers 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Greatest Events of World War II 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



# & sport

# Sky Documentaries



The Two Escobars 10.00pm Colombian cartel leader Pablo

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) 7.00 Discovering: Charles Bronson (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow **11.00** Spector (AD) **12 noon** Stasi FC **1.50pm** My Icon: Shaun Gayle (AD) **2.00** Pantani: the Accidental Death of a Cyclist **4.00** The Directors: Ridley Scott **5.00** Discovering: Charles Bronson (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s Exploring the presidential campaign and election of Barack Obama in 2008.

6.55 The Vow Two NXIVM members recount their experiences with Keith, as well as Nancy's treatment for symptoms of Tourette syndrome. And Lauren Salzman takes the stand.

8.00 Spector How Phil Spector gained a sinister reputation as his success brought paranoia. (AD)

9.00 Lockerbie A verdict is delivered, but not everyone agrees with the court's decision.

10.00 The Two Escobars A look at how the fates of two Colombians – footballer Andrés Escobar and drug trafficker Pablo Escobar – were permanently linked.

12 midnight QPR: the Four Year Plan **1.50am** Steve Jobs: the Man in the Machine **4.10** The Directors 5.05-6.00am Discovering: Charles Bronson (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

# **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Lords of War 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD)
12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Ice Road
Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Nazi Megastructures **4.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00pm** Lost Treasures of Egypt: archaeologists investigate Egypt's most famous female pharaoh, Cleopatra (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: the crash of a German plane flying over the French Alps **8.00** World War II: Secrets from Above: the Battle for Poland (AD) **9.00** Nazi Megastructures **10.00** Gallipoli's Deep Secrets: First World War wrecks in Turkish waters **11.00** Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight Airport Security: First Class 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

# **Sky History**

**6.00am** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Rust Valley Restorers **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers: Robbie unveils his sprawling retro garage **7.00** Forged in Fire: making one of Japan's Forged in Fire: making one of Japan's deadliest swords – the nagamaki 8.00

New. What on Earth? 9.00 New. Kennedy: double bill. John F Kennedy's path to the top of US politics, then a look at his inauguration 11.00 History's Greatest Mysteries 12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Curse of Skinwalker Ranch 3.00 What on Earth? 4.00.60 Ourse of Skinwalker Ranch 3.00 What on Earth? 4.00-6.00am Rust Valley Restorers **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

# Sky Nature



Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride 8.00pm A pup has disappeared

6.00am OI Pejeta Diaries 7.00 Monkey Life **8.00** Patagonia (AD) **9.00** New Kids in the Wild **10.00** Into the Wild: Colombia 11.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD) 12 noon Beasts of the Big Blue (AD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Patagonia (AD) **3.00** New Kids in the Wild **4.00** Into the Wild: Colombia 5.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD)

6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue The sea lions, albatrosses red-billed gulls and fairy prions on New Zealand's Otago Peninsula find mates and proceed to nurture the next generation. (AD)

7.00 Monkey Life Daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre. **7.30** Staff look after the monkeys, chimps and orangutans.

8.00 Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride There's a showdown between lions and hyenas, and Henry pays a visit to the Kakumbi den.

9.00 Monkey Life Double bill. 10.00 Beasts of the Big Blue As 6pm.

11.00 Dawn to Dusk The summer solstice forces the macagues of Vietnam to escape the heat. (AD)

12 midnight Monkey Island **1.00am** Great Blue Wild **2.00** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00** Patagonia (AD) **5.00– 6.00am** New Kids in the Wild

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

# Eden

9.00am The Blue Planet (AD) 6.00pm The Blue Planet: six editions, David Attenborough describes marine life at the poles **7.00** Earth's most densely inhabited waters, where the annual cycle of the sun prompts an explosion of marine life **8.00** The fragile marine ecosystem of the coral reef, where all creatures – including the corals themselves - have to fight for survival **9.00** The ways in which marine creatures exploit tides **10.00** How species inhabiting the ocean's edge deal with the dangers of an ever-shifting environment 11.00 Camera crews journey to the deepest parts of the world's oceans to explore the lives of their inhabitants (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am The Blue Planet (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

# **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm How Do Animals Do Thal? 2.00 Monster Croc Invasion (AD) 3.00 Saba and the Rhino's Secret 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: Tia and the crew race to save a group of dogs 8.00 The Zoo 10.00 Edge of Alaska: Neil breaks through to the Mother Lode mine 11.00 India's Monkey Man Monster: Expedition Mungo: a strange creature sighted in New Delhi 12 midnight Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Mungo 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

# **SPORT**

# **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 8.00 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v

Sydney Thunder at Adelaide Oval.

10.30 LIVE International One-Day Cricket South Africa v India, the second ODI from St George's Park Cricket Ground.

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day five of the World Darts Championship from Alexandra Palace, London.

4.30 LIVE International One-Day Cricket South Africa India, continued coverage.

7.00 LIVE League Cup Football Chelsea v Newcastle United, the quarter-final from Stamford Bridge (kick-off **8.00**).

10.30 Back Pages Tonight 11.00 Sky Sports News 2.00am LIVE American Football

Coverage of the Frisco Bowl from Toyota Stadium (kick-off **2.00**). 5.30-6.00am Sky Sports New

# Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Championship Retro 8.45 EFL Greatest Games (AD) 9.00 Championship Highlights 9.15 EFL Greatest Games (AD) 10.00 Championship Retro 12 noon Championship Football 2.00pm Championship Highlights
2.15 League One and Two Goals
2.45 Women's Super League Football 3.15 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 3.30 Championship Highlights 4.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up **5.00** Championship Highlights **5.30** Women's Super League Football 6.00 League Cup Highlights 7.00 LIVE League Cup Football

Chelsea v Newcastle United, the quarter-final from Stamford Bridge (kick-off **8.00**). **10.45** A League of Their Own (AD) **11.45** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **12 midnight** League Cup Highlights

12.30am EFL Greatest Games 1.00 Championship Retro 3.00 League Cup Retro 5.00 EFL Rivalries (AD) 5.30-6.00am The Great Escape (AD)

# Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf 12 noon European Tour Golf 6.00pm Legends Tour Golf 7.00 European Tour Golf **8.00** PGA Tour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** Legends Tour **11.00** PGA Tour Golf 12 midnight European Tour Golf 3.00–6.00am PGA Tour Golf

# Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

**6.00am** Highlights **7.00** Pro-Football Talk **9.00** NFL Highlights **11.00** NFL Bitesize **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **8.45** NFL Highlights **9.45** NFL Bitesize **10.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 10.45 Bitesize 11.00 NFL Fantasy **12 midnight** NFL: Total Access **1.00am** NFL Highlights

2.00 LIVE American Football Coverage of the Frisco Bowl from Toyota Stadium (kick-off **2.00**). 5.30-6.00am NFL Bitesize

# Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449 5.20-9.30pm LIVE German

Football Werder Bremen v RB Leipzig (kick-off **5.30**); 7.30 Borussia Dortmund FSV Mainz 05 (kick-off 7.30)



# **International T20 Cricket** 7.30pm TNT Sports 1 England bowler Adil Rashid eyes victory

# Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

**6.00am** Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Football Show **12 noon** Soccerbox (AD) **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Premier League 100 Club (AD) **6.00** Premier League Legends (AD) **6.30** Netbusters **7.00** Premier League Review **8.00** Netbusters **8.30** Gary Neville's Soccerbox (AD) **9.00** Premier League Review **10.00** Class of 92 11.00 Premier League Retro **1.00am** Premier League Years: the best moments of 2020/21 (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals (AD) **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

# **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

**6.00am** World T20 Cricket (AD) **6.45** International One-Day Cricket 7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v ydney Thunder at Adelaide Oval. 10.30 LIVE International One-Day Cricket South Africa v India, the second ODI from St George's Park Cricket Ground.

**7.00pm** Best of the Big Bash (AD) **8.00** Big Bash League Highlights 9.00 International One-Day Cricket Highlights: South Africa v India 10.00 Big Bash League Highlights 11.00 International One-Day Cricket 12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket 4.00am Best of the Big Bash (AD) 5.00-6.00am International One-Day Cricket Highlights

# **Sky Darts**

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years

of the PDC World Championship **10.30** The Taylor Years **11.00** Darts Gold (AD) 12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day five of the World Darts Championship from Alexandra Palace, London.

4.30 The Greatest Final 2007 5.00 John Part's Journey 5.30 Darts Gold (AD)

7.00 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day five of the World Darts Championship from Alexandra Palace, London. 11.00 The Rise of MVG 11.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion 12 midnight Darts Gold (AD) 1.00am World Darts 5.00 Rob Cross to Remember 2018 **5.30–6.00am** Peter Wright: Double Champion

# **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

**7.00am** Tennis: Australian Open **8.30** Athletics **10.00** Cycling **2.00pm** Snooker **4.00** Cycling **5.00** Showjumping **6.00** Sailing **7.00** Cycling **9.00** Olympic Games **10.00** Alpine Skiing **11.00** Triathlon 12 midnight Tennis: French Open 2.00am Triathlon 3.00 Cycling 5.00-7.00am Snooker

# TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Tennis 7.00 Premier League Review (AD) **8.00** National League Football **10.00** Champions League Football (AD) 12 noon International T20 Cricket **1.00pm** Premier League Review (AD) **2.00** National League Football **2.30** International One-Day Cricket **4.30** Test Cricket Highlights **6.30** International T20 Cricket

7.30 LIVE International T20 **Cricket** West Indies v England, the fourth T20 in the five-match series from Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Trinidad and Tobago. 12 midnight Wrestling (AD)

**1.00am LIVE Wrestling** The latest action from WWE NXT. 3.15 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 3.45 What Went Down (AD) 4.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload 5.00–6.00am Premier League Legends: two episodes (AD)

# TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

7.00am International One-Day Cricket **9.00** Australian Football: six matches **3.00pm** TNT Sports Goals Reload **3.30** French Football: Ligue 1 (AD) **4.30** Premier League: Big Interview **5.00** Premier League Netbusters (AD) 5.30 Premier League Stories (AD) 6.00 Europa League Magazine **7.00** Champions League Magazine (AD) **8.00** Premier League Reload

8.15 TNT Sports Goals Reload 8.30 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **9.00** Wrestling **11.30**30 Years of UFC: Favourite Fights 12 midnight-6.30am LIVE NBA

New Orleans Pelicans v Memphis Grizzlies, a Western Conference game (tip-off **12.30am**); **3.00** Golden State Warriors v Boston Celtics, an inter conference game (tip-off **3.00**).

# **TNT Sports 3**

Skv 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football 7.00 French Football 2.00pm Italian Football 3.00 The Football's On (AD) 4.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 4.30 Australian Football **5.30** Tennis **6.30** Badminton **8.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union

9.30-6.30am LIVE International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Bangladesh, the second ODI in the three-match series from Saxton Oval, Nelson.

# TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

**6.00am** World Rally: highlights (AD) **1.00pm** NBA **2.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union 3.30 MotoGP 4.30 NBA on Fire **5.00** NBA **6.30** French Football (AD) **7.30** NBA on Fire **8.00** NBA **9.30** Australian Football **4.30am** Europa League Magazine **5.30–6.00am** National League Football: the weekend's highlights

# **Viaplay Sports**

5.00-11.30pm LIVE Spanish **Football** Rayo Vallecano v Valencia at Estadio de Vallecas (ko **6.00**); 8.00 Atlético Madrid v Getafe at Civitas Metropolitano (ko 8.30); 8.00 Granada v Sevilla from Los Cármenes (kick-off 8.30)

# **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

**6.00am** Olympic Games **7.00** Climbing **8.00** World Superbikes **10.00** Snooker **12 noon** Speedway **2.00pm** Motor Racing **4.00** British Superbikes **6.00** Formula E **8.00** World Superbikes **10.00** Climbing 11.00 Alpine Skiing 12 midnight Sailing 1.00am Motor Racing 2.00 Formula E 4.00–6.00am Superbikes



# DRAMA Vanishing Act

9.00pm **ITV1** Full series on ITVX



She may have been declared deceased earlier this year, but Melissa Caddick's body has never

been found. Well, I say "body", but there was the grisly discovery of a severed foot on Bournda Beach, some 400km from the Dover Heights mansion where she lived. And so, in this last hour, we play the speculation game, as the various theories are explored. Did she tangle with gangsters? Was this a case of suicide and ocean currents? Or was a more elaborate scheme at play?

This drama does eventually draw its own conclusion, though follow-up documentary *The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess* (tomorrow at 9pm on ITV1) may leave you with further questions. **DAVID BROWN** 

# DOCUMENTARY

# Mike Yarwood at the BBC

9.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer Today he's rarely mentioned in the same breath as the Two Ronnies or Morecambe and Wise, but in the 1970s ace mimic Mike Yarwood was massive. His BBC1 Christmas show in 1977 drew over 21 million (more than for the Eric and Ernie special that followed). But the pressure of an essentially shy man standing up in front of an audience took its toll.

His comedic but never vicious portraits – of politicians, singers, actors and comedians – were loved by the public, and inspired a new generation of top impressionists. Among them is Rory Bremner, who reflects here on the life and gifts of the gentle giant of entertainment who was a genuine contender for "Mr Saturday Night". MB

# **DOCUMENTARY**

# The 1970s Supermarket at Christmas

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

Anyone fancy a cheese football or a Babycham? Or we could crack open a Watneys Party Seven? If you're not mystified by those ideas, you'll love being taken down memory lane with this sashay through the food and drink of Christmasses past.

We hear that ready-made pastry was a game changer (vol-au-vents were considered very posh), Brussels pâté was a favourite starter despite tasting like cat food, and learn how Bernard Matthews conquered the "bootiful" turkey market.

For something a bit more upmarket, take a peek at *Harrods at Christmas* (8pm), which includes a history of the posh Knightsbridge department store. **JANE RACKHAM** 

# **DOCUMENTARY**

# The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer

9.00pm **Sky Crime** Catch up via Now



This final chapter is a testament to the power of podcasts, as without 2018's *The Teacher's Pet*,

the case of Lyn Dawson would almost certainly have remained cold. With about 30m downloads, it re-ignited interest that resulted in the arrest of Lyn's husband Chris. However, the prosecution case was based purely on circumstantial evidence, so there was no guarantee of conviction.

And even following the verdict, it's obvious that daughter Shanelle remains emotionally conflicted about her dad. It's this that feels especially tragic. **DB** 

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# **ALSO ON TODAY**

# The Repair Shop 8.00pm (not Scotland) BBC1 Jay Blades and his team take on items that need a seasonal fix, including a home bar. First shown in 2022.

# Only Connect: Fashion

8.00pm **BBC2**The Dandies take on the Peacocks.
Victoria Coren Mitchell (right) hosts this sartorial special.



# Glenda Jackson Remembers

10.00pm **BBC4**The late Glenda
Jackson introduces
1971's *Elizabeth R*(from 10.15pm). First
shown in March.

# **CHAT SHOW**

# The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan

10.00pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming

Mo Gilligan brings his late-night chat show back for a giddy festive special. Just take the bit where Fred Sirieix calls up pal Gino D'Acampo to make him say "pigs in blankets". Or presenter Joel Dommett's thoughts on Christmas: "We cut a tree down and put it in the corner until it dies!"

The highlight is Nursery Grimes, where the guests must mash up a Christmas carol with hip-hop. Leona Lewis does an admirable job with House of Pain's Jump Around set to Jingle Bells. But the star is People Just Do Nothing's Allan Mustafa, who smashes Frosty the Snowman crossed with So Solid Crew.

STEPHEN KELLY

# **DRAMA**

# **Mayfair Witches**

10.30pm, 11.15pm, 11.55pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

"I'll be fine," says Rowan firmly when she's left to fend for herself at her mother's funeral. With dead people wafting about, other-worldly visions, mortal wounds magically healing, as well as her relatives' creepy behaviour, I doubt it.

Her great aunt Carlotta is right to warn, "Things don't end well for the women in this family," as Rowan and Ciprien get trapped – almost fatally – inside that New Orleans house.

A disorientating triple bill explains more about the history of the Mayfair witches and the origins of that necklace. It's disturbing and weird but if you've got this far, you'll want to know if Rowan ever frees herself from Lasher's supernatural powers. JR

# SCI-FI

# **The Lazarus Project**

11.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

We haven't seen much of Shiv (Rudi Dharmalingam) this series. He always was gloomy, but then being shot at endlessly will probably dampen your spirits. But he takes centre stage now, as a call-out at work in 2012 to investigate the appearance of a plane that hasn't yet been built (very X-Files) coincides with some other crises he's going through.

The knotty strands of the story (I imagine series creator Joe Barton somewhere with a cork board, pins and string) are starting to come together, such as why Wes is hell-bent on stopping the time-travel project and why Janet and Rebrov might have turned their backs on Lazarus in the first place. GILL CRAWFORD

# **LIVE SPORT**



# Football: EFL Cup Quarter-final: Liverpool v West Ham 7pm (k/o 8pm) Sky Sports Main Event/Football

Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold was recently hailed as "super influential" by boss Jürgen Klopp.

# Darts: World Championship 12 30pm Sky Sports Main Event

12.30pm **Sky Sports Main Event** Day six at Alexandra Palace.

# Basketball: EuroCup London Lions v Prometey Slobozhanske

7.15pm (tip-off 7pm)

TNT Sports 2

Action from the Copperbox Arena.

# FILM OF THE DAY



# P Belfast ★★★ □

9.00pm **BBC2** 

Kenneth Branagh returns to the Belfast of his youth for this Oscar-winning drama set during the Troubles. Jude Hill (above) is excellent as the boy whose Protestant family (father Jamie Dornan and gran Judi Dench) find their street a battlefield. (2021)

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## FOOD

# Celebrity MasterChef: Christmas Cook-Off

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Here's a tasty little amuse bouche to get you in the mood for the festive season. Mel Blatt, Richard Blackwood, Duncan James and Faye Winter – who all know their way around the MC kitchen having competed in previous series – are hoping to win the "coveted" Golden Whisk trophy.

They start with an Australian-style challenge that includes a Lamington wreath. Guest judge Peter Andre enjoys every mouthful while Gregg Wallace (alarmingly dressed first in shorts and then as an elf) rates the dishes on his "yum-ometer".

The celebrities take it all seriously but there's still a jolly atmosphere as they create their dream Christmas lunch. Our preview doesn't reveal who wins but John Torode greets one dish with "Oh, that's proper chef-dom... it looks great. I'm coming to you next Christmas!" so my money's on them to take that lovely whisk home. JR

MARK HARRISON; GETTY

# WEDNESDAY Main Channels

# **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD) 9.15 Animal Park Megan McCubbin takes Reuben the reindeer for a Christmas walk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 For Love or Money A woman suspects the man she met online is a con artist. (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Frontline Fightback How one cyclist uses

social media to recover stolen bikes. (R) (S) (HD) 11.15 Homes under the Hammer Jacqui Joseph is

ioined by Owain Wyn Evans in south Wales. (S) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Wetherby. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

**1.45 Father Brown 1/10** Series 6. Father Brown tries to overturn a miscarriage of justice. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30 Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers Creating meals from Christmas dinner leftovers. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00 Celebrity Escape to the Country 2/5. The Chase's Jenny Ryan searches for a home. (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 4/6 The camper van travels to the north east of England to visit the Angel of the North. First shown on Gold (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies A team of celebrity drag queens take part in the quiz. (R) (S) (HD)

## BBC<sub>2</sub>

**6.35am Baking All the Way** ★★ Romance with Cory Lee. A pastry chef butts heads with a small-town baker. On iPlayer for 24 days. (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Nadiya's Simple Spices 6/6 Masala mince, butter bean pie and Bombay potatoes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 Mary Makes It Easy 4/6.** The chef offers tips to Lorraine Kelly and her daughter Rosie. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD) 10.00 BBC News The latest headlines. (S) (HD)

1.00pm Pillow Talk ★★★★ Romantic comedy with Doris Day, Jan Morrow shares her phone line with a man she despises. Meeting a handsome Texan, she is struck by the difference between the two men. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p97.** (1959, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.40 Move Over, Darling ★★★★ Comedy with Doris Day and James Garner. Five years after she is presumed to have died, Ellen Arden returns home. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p97.** (1963, U) (S) (W) (HD)

4.20-4.50 A Countryside Christmas Anita Rani and Adam Henson make sloe gin and Mary Berry is shown how to produce a Yorkshire Christmas pie by Harewood House chef Josh Whitehead. (R) (S) (AD) HD)

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Showbiz and style tips. (s) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Lifestyle advice, competitions and star interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Candid conversation. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson recalls classic deals, including a diamond ring that gave got everyone shouting. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from Falkirk, Nuneaton and Watford take part in the fast-moving battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

## Channel 4

6.00am Come Dine with Me Vegetarian host Nicola Gregory prepares a meat-free menu. (R) (S) (HD) 6.25 Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD) 7.05 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.20 The Big Bang Theory Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.20 Frasier Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 11.20 News (S) (HD) **11.25 Christmas in Love** ★★ Romantic drama with

Brooke D'Orsay. A baker and a CEO disagree on what makes success, but soon grow to see eye to eye. Streaming for 30 days. (2018) (S) (W) (HD)

1.05pm Jamie: Together at Christmas Jamie Oliver prepares an alternative Christmas dinner. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 Countdown Christopher Biggins guests. (S) (HD)

3.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas How to make a bauble using nails and string. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun House-hunting in the seaside town of Mojácar on Spain's east coast. (R) (S) (HD)

# BBC<sub>1</sub>

Celebrity MasterChef: **Christmas** Cook-Off 9.00pm John and Gregg judge festive fare



## 5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

A special Eurovision edition with AJ Odudu, Richie Anderson, Antony Costa, Jay Aston, Eimear Quinn, Linda Martin, Dadi Freyr and Mans Zelmerlow. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

# 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

4/14. With BBC News presenter Jane Hill, former Gogglebox star Mica Ven, Dr Amir Khan and stand-up comedian Jamie MacDonald. More tomorrow 7pm. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Kate Middleditch, Chris Jones, Jimmy Mulville and David Young (S) (HD)

### 7.30 EastEnders

Suki puts a plan into action. Kim offers some harsh advice. Sharon and Keanu celebrate a positive step.

Frnie Moon

Bert Moon

Lexi Pearce

Cody Briffett Elliot Briffett

Isabella Brown

Frankie Day

Sonny Kendall Jaden Ladega

Isaac Lemonius

Freddie Phillips

Grace

Juhaim Rasul Choudhurv

Suki Kaur Panesar Balvinder Sopal Arthur Fowler Kim Fox Tameka Empson Letitia Dean Sharon Watts Keanu Taylor Danny Walters Shona McGarty Whitney Dean Clav Milner Russell Bobby Beale Felix Baker Matthew Morrison Bernadette Taylor Fve Unwin Anna Knight George Knight Karen Taylor Kathy Beale Ravi Gulati Flaine Peacock Patrick Trueman Kat Mitchell Gillian Wright Jean Slater

Raymond Dawkins

Michael Jose Pomares Calixte Davinder "Nugget" Gulati **Clair Norris** Amy Mitchell Heather Peace Molly Rainford Ricky Mitchell Ollie Carter Bailey Baker Colin Salmon Lorraine Stanley Gillian Taylforth Aaron Thiara Pearl Fox Harriet Thorne Jessie Wallace Mia Atkins

Harry Farr Kara-Leah Fernandes Janet Mitchell Arayah Harris-Buckle Tommy Moon Mackenzie Atkins Will Mitchell Angela Wynter Writer Kevin Rundle More cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Repair Shop

In this festive edition from last year, Will Kirk and Dom Chinea set to work on a 1960s home bar that was the cornerstone of one family's yuletide parties. Series producer Claire Egerton-Jones; Executive producers Emma Walsh, Hannah Lamb and Paula Fasht (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 Celebrity MasterChef: Christmas Cook-Off

1/2. Gregg Wallace and John Torode host as four famous faces from past series return to the MasterChef kitchen to compete in festive-themed challenges. The first task for Mel Blatt, Duncan James. Richard Blackwood and Faye Winter is to create a dish that represents Christmas in Australia - and special guest Peter Andre is on hand to sample their efforts. Next, the celebrities must prepare their own take on a two-course Christmas dinner. See page 91.

See feature: page 30

# 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

# 10.40 Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge \*\*\*

Fantasy action adventure sequel with Johnny Depp. Jack Sparrow embarks on a quest to track down the Trident of Poseidon when an old rival rises from a watery grave. Having escaped the "Devil's Triangle", Captain Armando Salazar leads an undead crew in revenge against the pirate who killed him -Jack Sparrow. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review p97. Captain Jack Sparrow Johnny Depp Joshamee Gibbs Kevin R McNally Captain Armando Salazar Javier Bardem Barhossa Geoffrey Rush Brenton Thwaites Will Turner

Directors Espen Sandberg and Joachim Ronning (2017, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 12.40am Survivor: the Finals 16/16. The winner of the 0,000 prize is announced. Shown Sat 9.05pm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.45-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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# BBC2

Belfast 9.00pm Troubled waters: Buddy (Jude Hill) sees the brutal side of late-1960s Northern Ireland



## 4.50pm Flog It!

Caroline Hawley and Mark Stacey value collectables at Southwell Minster near Nottingham. (R) (S) (HD)

### **5.45 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip**

Reality TV stars Chris Hughes and Jake Quickenden are joined by Izzie Balmer and Irita Marriott as they scour the antique shops of South Yorkshire. Series producer Stuart Stanley Harrison Executive producer John Redshaw (R) (S) (HD)

### 6.45 Porridge

Series 2. The Desperate Hours When Mr Barrowclough is taken hostage, Fletch gets a chance to be a hero. Christmas special from 1976, starring Ronnie Barker, Richard Beckinsale, Brian Wilde and Fulton Mackay. Writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais Director/Producer Sydney Lotterby (R) (S) (HD)

### 7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

3/10. Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee take part. (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents the second festive edition of the quiz, with fashionable teams from vestervear the Dandies and the Peacocks. (S) (HD)

# 8.30 Christmas University Challenge

3/10. A team from Dundee University, including Turner Prize-winning artist Susan Philipsz, take on Bangor University, whose players include author Juno Dawson. Continues tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

# 9.00 Belfast ★★★

Period drama. Northern Ireland, 1969: surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict in Belfast. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 97

Caitríona Balfe Judi Dench Jamie Dornan Moira Jude Hill Colin Morgan Granny Lara McDonnell Pa

Ciarán Hinds Uncle Jack Lewis McAskie Director Kenneth Branagh (2021, 12) (S) (W) (AD) (HD)

# 10.30 Mayfair Witches

Lasher

Joio

Samir Aoife

Mawhel

Albrecht

Stephen Graham

Keith Murfis

Alicía Mavfair

Suzanne

Millie Mayfair

Cortland Mayfair

Carlotta Mavfair

Deirdre Mayfair

4/8. Curiouser and Curiouser. Rowan is faced with opposing opinions about Lasher. Meanwhile, Sip makes a startling discovery. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 5/8. The Thrall. Grappling with an offer that appears inconceivable, Rowan confronts the mysteries of the First Street House with Sip. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 6/8. Transference. Rowan reaches out to her extended family in order to help relinquish Lasher.

The whole series is on iPlayer. **See page 91.** (S) (AD) (HD) Rowan Fielding Alexandra Daddario Tessa Tongayi Chirisa Father Ransome Madison Wolfe

Jack Huston Sam the Butler Odette Grieve Emma Rose Smith Beth Grant Florie Annabeth Gish Stuart Townsend Jennifer Richards Young Rowan Hannah Alline Delia Mayfair Geraldine Singer Beth Mayfair Ravi Naidu Nadine Lewington Shelby Mayfair Lilia Mayfair Melissa Chambers Kit Mayfair Ian Hoch Rodney Dennis Boutsikaris Ariuna Charlayne Woodard Arlo Whittle

Kellan Rhude Leah Thompkins Terese Aiello Sophie Marie White Mary Claire Smythe Samantha Beaulieu Trina LaFargue Josh Whites Suleka Mathew Leslie Castay Matthew Hopkins Joshua Mikel

Richard Haylor

12.40-3.40am Sign Zone 12.40 The Secret Genius of **Modern Life 1/6.** Hannah Fry returns to dissect everyday items, starting with the passport. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.40 Secrets of the Aquarium 4/6.** Ian carries out repairs in the deepest tank in Britain. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.40 Vigil 5/6. Amy is convinced that what she's believed has been a lie. Shown Monday 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

# **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

10.45pm Representing Border: political news 11.15-11.40 Border Life: meeting a 101-year-old war veteran

## **BBC1 WALES**

10.40pm Walescast 11.10 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge 1.10-6.00am News

4.50pm Flog It! 5.15 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip 6.15 Porridge **7.00–7.30** Gareth Edwards's Great Welsh Adventure

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Channel 5 listings are overleaf

10.00 Cofio 'Dolia

Teulu Ni 11.00–11.35 Bwrdd i

Dri: contestants cook

a three-course meal

# ITV1

Coronation Street 8.00pm Ed's happiness is short-lived as his financial worries continue to grow



### 4.00pm Tipping Point

Ben Shephard presents as four contestants try their luck on the big arcade machine. (R) (S) (HD)

# 5.00 The Chase

Nuala, Jim, Sarah and Jack take on one of the mighty Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

# 7.30 Emmerdale

Stunned by Kim's confession, Will is left with a big decision to make. Mary's concern grows. Writer Liam Johnson Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

## 8.00 Coronation Street

Jenny asks Carla for a loan to buy the Rovers. Ed's good luck is short-lived. Audrev interviews Maria and David for the post of salon manager. Jenny Connor Sally Ann Matthews Jake Windass Bobby Bradshaw Carla Barlow

Alison King

Lily Platt

Ed Bailey

Trevor Michael Georges

Dee-Dee Bailey Ed Balley ITevo Number Sue Nicholls Charmique Charling Roberts Sue Nicholls Charmique Charling Raria Chonor David Platt Jack P Shepherd Craig Tinker Peter Barlow Chris Gascoyne Germma Winter-Brown Charling Haleall Dolly-Channique Sterling-Brown Igeley Charlotte Jordan Colson Smith Dolly-Rose Campbell Tyrone Dobbs Simon Barlow Alex Bain Crystal Hyde Erin Austen Rita Tanner Barbara Knox Gail Rodwell Helen Worth Nick Tilsley Ben Price Hope Dobbs Isabella Flanagan Billie Naylor Valerie Ruby Dobbs Jackie Morrison Writer Sam Holdsworth More cast Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 Vanishing Act

3/3. Melissa disappears into thin air, leaving her husband, family and friends distraught, before the news emerges that she has betrayed them all and stolen their money. The victims are left trying to rebuild their shattered lives, before one of her trainers washes up on a lonely beach 300 miles away, with her decomposing foot still inside it. How did it get there? The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. See page 90. Cast Monday First shown on ITVX Signed rpt 3.25am *The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess* tomorrow 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

# 10.45 Inside M&S at Christmas

An exclusive glimpse behind the scenes at the high street giant as it gets ready for its busiest and most profitable time of the year. The store prepares to launch a host of festive products. including a premium panettone and a seasonal makeover for Colin the Caterpillar, but its new slow-cooked turkey range suffers a setback. Exec producers Naomi Templeton, Melanie Leach and Andrew Mackenzie Shown last Thu Signed rpt Fri 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

### 11.40 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport

With Covid restrictions ongoing, testing centre manager Joel has a tough job trying to reduce passenger stress while making sure everybody has the right test for the right destination.

Series producer Therese Byrne Executive producer Juliette Murray-Topham (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am League Cup Highlights The best action from the quarter-finals. Shown 11.30pm ITV4 (S) (HD)
12.55 Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Post and Parcels: Getting Christmas
Delivered? Tonight A look behind the scenes at the

nation's postal service. Shown last Thursday (S) (SL) (HD) **3.25 Vanishing Act 3/3.** Melissa vanishes into thin air. **See choice, page 90.** Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.15 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.30–6.00am Gino's Italian Express 6/8.** Gino D'Acampo visits Pisa and Florence. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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# **Channel 4**

The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan 10.00pm The stand-un comic hosts festive fun and games



# 5.00pm Château DIY

Nick and Nicole are planning a Christmas party but their floor is currently wet concrete. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The B&Bers visit Rob's Wolds Wine Estate in Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Nottinghamshire. (R) (S) (HD)

## 6.30 The Simpsons

Kill Gil, Volumes I and II. Marge chooses Christmas Eve to turf out an unwanted house guest. (R) (S) (AD)

# 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

New series. Ep 1 Series 9. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are in Chippenham to help Tim and Sonia, who moved into Tim's childhood home to care for his elderly mother before she passed away. After a difficult period of their lives, Tim is ready for a fresh start, while Sonia thinks they can begin the next chapter of their lives here. Series producer James Marx; Executive producer Jonny Wharton Repeated Friday 7pm 4seven (S) (HD)

# 9.00 Grand Designs

Adventurous globetrotters Colin and Adele have employed a multinational team of architects, designers and builders to realise their dream of constructing a curved-glass family home in Manchester. Almost from the outset the budget is under stress as Colin insists the house look as if it's floating. Then, when the Covid-19 pandemic hits. Colin and Adele face financial ruin. Director Alex Steinitz; Executive producers John Lonsdale and John Comerford (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan

An all-star line-up of celebrity guests join Mo for a festive edition, including chart-topping singer Leona Lewis, First Dates star Fred Sirieix. comedian and TV presenter Joel Dommett, and Allan Mustafa of People Just Do Nothing. The celebrities face a special Christmas version of Nursery Grimes, while the studio audience takes on Babatunde Aléshé's squad of Manchester partygoers in a karaoke battle. See page 91. Producer Richard Berkshire; Executive producers Ben Wicks, Rhe-an Archibald, Pollyanna McGirr and David Geli (S) (HD)

# 11.05 First Dates at Christmas

At the restaurant, jeweller Phoebe is hoping that portrait artist Charlie might be the gem she's looking for. Vicar Eve braves parish worker and self-designated "geek" Steve's dad jokes, and self-styled "queen of Christmas" Whitney forms a rap duo with part-time DJ Reddy. Series producers Tom Locking and Ian Osprey; Executive producers Jon Crisp and Michele Kurland (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.10am Celebrity Gogglebox** A host of famous faces review the latest TV. Shown last Friday C4 (S) (AD) (HD) 1.05 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon tries to resurrect a restaurant in the west end theatre district of Allentown, Pennsylvania. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 1.55 The Simpsons Three vuletide tales. (R) (S) (AD)

2.20 Jackie Biographical drama. A week after the assassination of her husband, President John F Kennedy, a shell-shocked Jackie is interviewed by a journalist, and is forced to relive the event. Jackie Kennedy

John Hurt Natalie Portman The priest Robby Kennedy Peter Sarsgaard Bill Walton Richard E Grant
Nancy Tuckerman The journalist Billy Crudup Lady Bird Johnson John Carroll Lynch
Director Pablo Larrain (2016, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.00 Couples Come Dine with Me In Essex. (R) (S) (HD) **4.55** A Baby Reindeer's First Christmas The animals are trained to pull a Christmas sleigh. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.50–6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas** Inspiration for Christmas tree decorations. (R) (S) (HD)

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# BBC4

at the BBC 9.00pm Good comic's career



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# 7.00pm Top of the Pops: **Christmas 1991**

Tony Dortie, Mark Franklin and Claudia Simon host the Christmas Day edition, featuring Queen, Seal, Nomad, Chesney Hawkes, James, OMD and Erasure. Producer Stanley Appel Rptd 2.40am (R) (S)

### 8.00 dinnerladies

Series 2. Christmas. Festive special from 1999. Twinkle and Stan spoil Petula's Christmas plans. Starring Victoria Wood and Maxine Peake. Writer Victoria Wood; Director Geoff Posner Producers Victoria Wood and Geoff Posner (R) (S)

## 8.35 Les Dawson on Christmas

The 1980 Christmas edition of the comedy sketch show, The Dawson Watch, in which he appears as himself and in the guise of various characters. (R) (S)

### 9.00 Mike Yarwood at the BBC

Rory Bremner reflects on the life and career of Mike Yarwood, one of the BBC's most successful stars of the 1970s and 80s. Assessing Yarwood's style, impact and legacy, Rory shares some of his memories of the comedian's career using archive clips. See p90. Producer Karn Christensen Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

# 10.00 Glenda Jackson Remembers... Elizabeth R

Glenda Jackson remembers her role of Queen Elizabeth Lin the BBC's acclaimed 1971 series Elizabeth R. Producer Simon Catt Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

# 10.15 Elizabeth R

1/6. The Lion's Cub. Historical drama from 1971, which chronicles the life of Queen Elizabeth I, beginning with the ten-year period preceding her accession to the throne in 1558.

## 11.40 2/6. The Marriage Game

The new queen finds herself under pressure from Parliament to marry and produce an heir.

1.10am 3/6. Shadow in the Sun. The queen meets a suitor, the Duke of Anjou, much to the Puritans' disapproval.

Continues tomorrow 12.50am. Queen Elizabeth I Robert Dudley Glenda Jackson Robert Hardy William Cecil Ronald Hines Rachel Kempson Kat Ashley Bernard Hepton Archbishop Cranmer King Philip II of Spain Peter Jeffrey Thomas Seymour John Rona Esmond Knight Bishop de Quadra Earl of Sussex John Shrapnel Leonard Sachs Count de Feria John Cairney Stephen Murray Sir James Melville Walsingham Sir Christopher Hatton Bernard Horsfall Catherine de Medici Margaretta Scott Duke of Anjou Michael Williams Lettice Knollys Angela Thorne Simier James Laurenson John Hughes Fenelon Lady Cobham Jill Raicon Leslie Lawton Jacques

Writers John Hale, Rosemary Anne Sisson and Julian Mitchell; Directors Claude Whatham, Herbert Wise and Richard Martin More cast Friday (R) (S)

2.40-3.40am Top of the Pops: Christmas 1991 Shown 7pm (S)

**BBC4** F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

# 4 7 in Wales Mike Yarwood

impressions: a look back at the

9 24 in Scotland

# shining a light on unsung heroes and community champions **10.40** Sportscene:

Premiershin Highlights 11.10 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge 1.10am Survivor: the Finals 2.10 Weather

# **BBC**

7.00pm The Hairy Bikers Go Local 8.00 World Pipe Band Championships 9.00 The Nine 10.00 River City 10.30 Two Doors Down 11.00–12 midnight Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby

# **BBC2 WALES**

WEDNESDAY **Television** 

# S4C

6.00am Cyw 11.00 Dysgu gyda Cyw 12 noon Newyddion; Tywydd 12.05pm Pobl a'u Gerddi 12.30 Heno
1.00 Welsh Whisperer: Ni'n Teithio Nawr! 1.30 Cais Quinnell 2.00 Newyddion; Tvwvdd 2.05 Prynhawn Da 3.00 Newyddion; Tywydd **3.05** Yr Afon **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Codi Hwyl **6.30** Rownd a Rownd: Robbie faces his fears: followed by Newyddion 7.00 Heno: magazine **7.30** Newyddion; Tvwvdd 8.00 Pobol y Cwm: Maya decides to hide her secret from Delyth 8.25 Nadolig Llawen Cwmderi: Christmases in Pobol y Cwm 8.55 Newyddion; Tywydd 9.00 Colleen Ramsey: Bywyd a Bwyd: Colleen shares some of her favourite festive recipes

# **WEDNESDAY** Freeview

# **Channel 5**





The 1970s Supermarket 9.00pm Debbie McGee recalls the aisles

5.40am Milkshake! See page 96 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.15pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.20 5 News (S) (HD)

1.25 The Christmas Express ★★★ Romantic drama starring Dermot Mulroney. Hoping to find inspiration for his latest story, a jaded writer embarks on a long-distance train journey. Review p97. Director Ron Oliver (2017) (S) (W) (HD)

3.25 Crazy about Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy starring Brooke Burfitt. Author Katrina suffers a festive break-up and swears off Christmas. But then she comes across a website for users with a deep love for the holiday. Director Lexi Giovagnoli (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.15pm A Christmas Carol ★★★ Adaptation of the Dickens classic tale, starring Patrick Stewart, Richard E Grant and Joel Grev. The extent of Ebenezer Scrooge's meanspiritedness is put to the test when he is visited by three ghosts. Director David Jones (1999, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

## **6.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD) 7.00 New series. World's Strongest Man

James Richardson and Laurence Shahlaei present action from Britain's Strongest Man - the opening event of the Giants Live series, held at Utilita Arena in Sheffield. With commentary by Colin Bryce and Danny Wallace. Directors James Rowat and Colin Bryce (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Harrods at Christmas

A look inside the world famous store during the festive period, shining a light on Harrods's 2023 Christmas window display and the annual rush on Christmas eve. See p91. Executive producer Oliver Wright Director Simon Newton (S) (HD)

# 9.00 The 1970s Supermarket

Remembering the Christmas shopping revolution that took place across the decade, with artificial trees, a rise in booze sales and new freezer stores stocked with frozen turkey roasts. Rustie Lee rustles up vol-au-vents and tries a Bird's trifle kit, while Dr Chris Clarke delves into the gooey centre of an After Eight mint. See page 91. Directors Sam Miles and Mark Williams (S) (HD)

### 10.30 Britain's Favourite Ads of the 70s and 80s

A celebration of the most memorable, funny and shocking British TV commercials. Industry experts, stars of the ads and social commentators discuss how they were made and their social context. Producer Kate Staples (R) (S) (HD)

12.30am Shoplifters: at War with the Law (R) (S) (HD) 1.25 Casino (S) (HD) 3.25 Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson: Liverpool Cathedral (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.15** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.40** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 5.30-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

# BBC3



Point Break 9.00pm Will FBI agent Johnny discover Bodhi's secret?

## 7.00pm Top Gear

Matt LeBlanc tests the Mercedes-AMG GT R supercar. Comedian Ross Noble takes to the track in the Reasonably Fast Car. (S) (HD) Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

### 8.00 Gavin & Stacey

1/8 Series 2. The happy couple are welcomed home after their honeymoon. (S) (AD) (HD) 8.30 2/8. Smithy goes AWOL after learning that he is going to become a father, More tomorrow 8,30pm, (S) (AD) (HD)

### 9.00 Point Break ★★★★

Action thriller set among California's surfing community, starring Patrick Swavze and Keanu Reeves, Novice FBI agent Johnny Utah is assigned to track down a gang of four bank robbers. In the belief that the gang are surfers, Utah goes under cover. On iPlayer for 25 days. Director Kathryn Bigelow (1991, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.55 Hunting the Catfish Crime Gang James Blake, a 30-year-old entrepreneur from Lisburn, started receiving messages accusing him of conning people. As he sets out to investigate what happened, he uncovers a sinister crime wave. (S) (AD) (HD)

# 11.55 I Kissed a Boy

**3/9.** Mikey makes a decision that sends shockwaves and leaves many of the residents questioning the matches. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.40am Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne (S) (HD) **1.25** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **2.25** Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

**3.25-3.55am** Him & Her (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

# ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05 FILM** A Cinderella Story: Christmas Wish ★★ Fantasy comedy (S) (W) (HD) 5.00 Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Davina

McCall, Jarvis Cocker and Jo Brand try to win cash for their charities in this Christmas special. Stephen Mulhern hosts. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** The Ecclestons go up against the Burns family. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 8. One of Linda's prized ornaments is stolen. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** The kids suspect the thief might be a character from a folk tale. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Viva España! Series 4. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix head to Galicia. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 Family Guy** Series 12. Peter goes on a quest to save Quahog's Christmas carnival. **10.30** Series 18. Peter discovers a passion rocking out to the hits of Van Halen 11.00 A mix-up results in a report that Med has been killed in a car crash. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 7. Fr Donovan rganises a Christmas play. (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** Stan is upset when Francine has a sexual dream about Jeff. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am Christmas Shopping with Keith Lemon

12.30am Christmas Shopping with Keith Lemon: with Richard Madeley, Alison Hammond, Joe Swash, Stacey Solomon and Paloma Faith (S) (HD) 1.30 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.10 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

# ITV3





**Downton Abbey** 5.45pm Edith gets to know a recuperating Canadian officer

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** Never the Twain: double bill. Oliver has a new accident-prone shop assistant; **8.35** Simon and Oliver joyride the vicar's Bentley (S) **9.10** Wycliffe: Series 4. Seen a Ghost. A hit-and-run suspect claims she ran over a ghost Repeated 3am; 10.20 Bad Blood. An eviction order leads to murder Repeated 3.55am (S) (HD) **11.30**Maigret: *6/6* Series 2. Maigret and the Maid A man is shot in his bedroom (S) (AD)

12.35pm Heartbeat: 13/15. Greengrass and Blaketon hunt for buried treasure (S) (AD) 1.40 Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Pearl and Len tell a shocked Edna they have decided to leave the village, then Syd confesses everything to the police (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Tracy goes into labour, then Martin's jealousy causes him to act rashly (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 9. Last Year's Model. When a charity worker stands trial for the murder of her best friend. Barnaby begins to doubt her guilt Repeated 12.05am (S) (AD)

# 5.45pm Downton Abbey

6/9 Series 2. A Canadian officer is brought to Downton to convalesce, and Ethel hears some distressing news. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.55 Heartbeat

14/15 Series 5. Nick goes under cover as a DJ to track down drugs smugglers. (S) (AD)

# **8.00** Lewis

Series 8. The Lions of Nemea. When a student's body is hauled from the canal, suspicion falls on her lover, a young astrophysics professor. (S) (AD) (HD)

## 10.00 Van der Valk

2/3. Blood in Amsterdam. The body of a former diamond polisher is dismembered and left on the doorsteps of his employers' homes. Van der Valk and the team must decide who has a grudge. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Midsomer Murders Shown 3.50pm (S) (AD) **2.00** Holding: **3/4**. A new discovery reignites the case (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Wycliffe: Shown 9.10/10.20am (S) (HD) **4.50** Never the Twain (S) **5.45–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.00 The Sweeney (S) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.10**Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, Pl (S)
(HD) **11.25** BattleBots (S) (HD) **12.25pm** The ampions (S) 1.30 Robin of Sherwood (S) 2.40 Magnum, PI (S) (HD) 3.40 The Sweeney

(S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** BattleBots (S) (HD) 6.55pm The Chase Celebrity Christmas **Special** Tim Lovejoy, Kay Burley, Eni Aluko and Richard Herring join forces to take on one of the fearsome Chasers, (S) (HD) **7.55 Junk and Disorderly** Henry Cole and Sam Lovegrove visit the Stafford Show, the biggest classic motorcycle auction and autojumble in the United Kingdom. (S) (HD) 9.00 New. All Elite Wrestling: Collision

Action from AEW's newest show, featuring stars including FTR, The House of Black, Thunder Rosa, Miro and more. (S) (HD) **11.05 Made in Britain** A look at craftsmen making acoustic guitars. (S) (AD) (HD)

**11.30 New. League Cup Highlights** Action from the guarter finals. (S) (HD) **12.30am** Robin of Sherwood (S) **1.25** Minder: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) **3.15** The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) **3.45** Driving Force (S) (HD) **4.35** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **5.30–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

# Drama



New Tricks 10.00pm Grace Pullman (Sheila Hancock) causes chaos

**7.10am** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. An army recruit has a suspicious injury, then Ben treats an overweight boy **9.20** Classic Holby City: Zosia suspects that Guy doesn't have his patients' best interests at heart Signed repeat 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Liz is held at knifepoint (S) **11.40** The Bill: Yvonne learns Beverley was assaulted by her husband

12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Dot prepares to have her operation, then lan faces the prospect of a café without Jane **2.00** Call the Midwife: **3/8** Series 10. Dr Turner and Sister Hilda become increasingly concerned about a young patient's unexplained ill health (S) (AD) (HD) **3.40** The Upper Hand: **13/13** Series 1. Charlie seems distracted (S) **4.20** Last of the Summer Wine: Series 8. Merry Christmas Father Christmas Seymour tries to put the sparkle back in Christmas; **5.00** Series 9. Big Day at Dream Acres. Compo and Clegg meet a tramp (S)

6.40pm Last of the Summer Wine Series 10. Crums. Barry reveals that he wants to buy Glenda a waterbed. (S)

### 8.00 Father Brown

11/15 Series 5. The Sins of Others. Sid vows vengeance on a barrister. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** 12/15. The Theatre of the Invisible A landlady is murdered. (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 New Tricks

2/8 Series 4. God's Waiting Room Sandra's private and professional worlds become intertwined when her mother needs to go into a care home, but her first choice turns out to be the scene of a suspicious death, Shown 7,10am (S) (AD)

# 11.20 Father Brown

13/15 Series 5. The Tanganyika Green The sleuth investigates the murder of a Colonial Postal Service officer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am New Tricks: 3/8 Series 4. An armoured security vehicle is discovered resting at the bottom of a lake (S) (AD) **1.40** The Paradise: 8/8. Denise returns to the department store (HD) 2.55-4.00am Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

# ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) 9.00 LittleBe (HD) 12 noon The Big Bake: six editions (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM Yuletide the Knot ★★ Romance starring Mary Antonini. A wedding planner takes a last-minute commission for an influencer couple, but their manager turns out to be her teenage sweetheart, (S) (W) (HD)

**8.00 Dinner Date** Jake from London selects three blind dates. (S) (HD) **9.00 Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South** Gino D'Acampo demonstrates alternatives to turkey with all the trimmings. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Botched: Most Outrageous OMG **Patients Countdown** Cosmetic surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif see some over-

the-top patients, including a Britney Spears wannabe and a lifelike space elf. (S) (HD) 10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie lonk presents the reality show. (S) (HD)

11.15 Botched A filler-obsessed Australian wants to increase her breast size. (S) (HD) Values to increase her breast size. (yill)

12.10am The Cabins: a kite-flying date ends in tears (S) (HD) 1.10 The Only Way is Essex: three episodes (S) (HD) 3.10 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 4.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 4.35-6.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta: double bill (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319





# WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

# More4



Father Ted 9.00pm Will a bogus priest end up spoiling the party?

**8.55am** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures: passion fruit marshmallows **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find lt, Fix It, Flog It 1.10pm Car SOS (AD) 2.10 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD)

6.55pm Escape to the Château It's autumn and, as Dick smashes down walls and secures ceilings in the basement, Angel creates an interior inspired by a shooting lodge. Dick also converts the old piggery. (AD) **7.55 The Dog House** A lively french bulldog meets drag queen John and partner Sammy. Meanwhile, Peaches the lurcher has two dates. Will she find a home at last? (AD)

9.00 Father Ted In this Christmas special, abogus priest is out to spoil Ted's party. (AD)

10.15 The first episode of the comedy. The
Craggy Island cleric makes a bid for stardom
on the Faith of Our Fathers TV show. (AD)

10.45 A sense of dread descends on Craggy Island as the priests prepare for poker-faced Father Stone's annual visit. (AD) 11.15 24 Hours in A&E Cara, 11, fell from the top of a human pyramid doing gymnastics and has a badly broken arm that doctors must realign. And Steve damaged his ankle while playing football and is sent for x-rays. (AD) 12.20am Father Ted (AD) 1.35 999: on the Front Line: a recovering alcoholic rings for help **2.40–3.40am** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

## E4

**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown last Fri/Mon (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 9/24** Series 7 The group celebrate Thanksgiving. (AD) **6.30** 10/24. Sheldon is bothered by the attention following his scientific discovery. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks A guest steals the limelight from Anita during the parade. Rptd Fri 6.30am (AD) **7.30 Young Sheldon 14/22** Series 5 Sheldon bufts heads with Dr Lee (AD) 8.00 Modern Family 2/24 Series 2. Jay's friends examine his approach to fatherhood. **8.30** 3/24. When an earthquake hits, each household reacts differently to the tremor. 9.00 New. Made in Chelsea: Sydney Ruby convinces Liv to open herself back up to dating. **10.00 Gogglebox** Omnibus of the two part-special for Stand Up To Cancer. (AD)

11.05 Naked Attraction Singletons from Newquay and Sheffield choose dates. (AD)

12.10am First Dates (SL) (AD) 1.15 Married at First Sight Australia 2.35 Made in Chelsea: Sydney (SL)

3.30 Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) 4.15 How! Met Your Mother (AD) 5.05–6.00am Baby Daddy E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Dr Pimple Popper 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 Bidshipt Portals to Hell 1.00m Ghost 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00–6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

# **Sky Arts**



Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir 8.00pm Seasonal birdwatching

**6.00am** An Evening with II Divo **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.10** André Rieu: Christmas in London 12.10pm Classic FM Live: Hall of Fame 2.10 Cirque du Soleil: Kooza **4.10 FILM** Pursuit to Algiers \*\* Crime mystery (BW) (W) **5.30**Portrait Artist of the Decade: nine previous winners paint Dame Judi Dench (AD)

7.00pm Portrait Artist of the Year **2022: Christmas Celebrity Special** Six famous faces must paint either Slade's Noddy Holder, designer Lawrence Llewelyn-Bowen or singer Mica Paris. (AD) 8.00 T CHOICE New. Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir The couple seek out their favourite seasonal birds, with a special focus on the waxwing, whose festive headgear, berry-eating diet and community spirit sum up the festive period. **See p90. 9.00 New. 42nd Street** A performance of the Broadway song and dance musical extravaganza, featuring the songs We're in the Money, Lullaby of Broadway and Dames. 11.30 Peter O'Toole: along the Sky Road to Aqaba Reflecting on the actor's legac addressing topics including his self belief, alcoholism, relationships with women, belief in socialism and embrace of Irishness **1.30am** Guy Garvey: from the Vaults **2.30** Nina Simone: the Lost Album (AD) **4.00** The Agatha Christie Hour: a man becomes involved in a jewel heist (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The South Bank Show **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

# 4seven

**9.00am** Come Dine with Me **11.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: Winter World Tour: extraordinary cold-weather designs (AD)

**12.30pm** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas: a quick tasty treat (AD) **1.30** Château DIY at Christmas 2.30 Come Dine with Me 5.00 Jamie: Together at Christmas (AD)

6.00pm A Place in the Sun A couple arching for a holiday home in Mojácar 7.00 Five Star Christmas: inside Corinthia How the team at the London hotel prepare for their busiest time of year. Restaurateur Tom Kerridge launches a new menu showcasing British beef, but will it impress the VIPs? (AD)

8.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for

Stand Up to Cancer Matt Lucas dons an apron and joins DJ Annie Mac, comedian Ed Gamble and rapper Elliot Gleave AKA Example. (AD) **9.00 FILM Saving Private Ryan** \*\*\*\* Second World War drama starring Tom Hanks. Captain Miller is sent on a special mission in occupied France to bring home Private Ryan

 no matter what the cost. Review p57. (AD)
 12.20am FILM Deep Impact ★★★★ Science-fiction drama starring Robert Duvall, Téa Leoni and Morgan Freeman. Review page 57 (AD)

2.40 Gogglebox: a Christmas special (AD)

4.10-4.40am The Tiger Who Came to Tea (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

# Quest

**6.00am** How Do They Do It? **6.30 New.** Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Outback Car Hunters 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Saved and Remade Workshop 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 The Edinburgh Auction House 10.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Outback Car Hunters 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

# Yesterday





**Great Canal Journeys 8.00pm** The Stratford-upon-Avon Canal

**6.10am** Underground Worlds (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War 11.00 Nazi Hunters

**12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World at War: the first atomic bomb

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo traces the early roots of the Spanish Civil War, which divided his family and sent his father into exile. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** The team visits Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent, where the experts value a selection of rare finds from the region's historic potteries.

8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel down the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal. **9.00 Bangers and Cash** Derek takes a shine to a rare 1958 Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire with a long family history. **10.00** An Aston Martin DB6 looks set to

break the Mathewsons auction record.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering A jawdropping collection of castles in Turkey. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00-3.00am Underground Worlds (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

### Dave



7.10am Mega Air 8.00 Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) 9.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 10.00 Outback Pilots 11.00 Rick Stein's Road to Mexico 12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm Top Gear (AD) 5.00 New. Soapbox Race

6.00pm Rick Stein's India In Chennai. (AD) 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons test their general knowledge. **7.40** With YolanDa Brown, Rev Kate Bottley, Joel Dommett and John Thomson.

8.20 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas With Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Dame Kelly Holmes. Hosted by Rob Brydon. **9.00 QI XL** From 2013, with guests Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus and Brendan O'Carroll. 10.00 Would I Lie to You? With guests Dermot O'Leary, Mel Giedroyc, Josh Widdicombe and Matt Dawson. 10.40 With David O'Doherty, Richard Osman, Susan Calman and Carol Kirkwood. **11.20** With Sarah Millican, Jon Richardson, David Harewood and Bob Mortimer.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would Lie to You? 1.20 Richard Osman's House of Games 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) -4.00am Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

# **Sky Mix**

**7.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Customs UK (AD) **11.00** UK Border Force 1.00pm Nothing to Declare UK 2.00 Caught Red Handed 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise: Trip's curiosity gets him in trouble 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager: an asteroid threatens a planet 8.00 Caught on Dashcam 9.00 Kemper on Voyager is the Midd of Script Killer: Kemper: inside the Mind of a Serial Killer: a former FBI agent details his interviews with a murderer (AD) 10.40 Britain's Most Evil Killers: the story of double murderer Ali Qazimaj 11.35 World's Most Evil Killers: an investigation into the murderous mother and son Sante and Kenneth Kimes

12.30am The Force: North East 1.30 Britcam:
Emergency on Our Streets (AD) 2.30 Christmas
Crime UK 3.00 Highway Patrol: double bill (AD)

4.00 Motorway Patrol: two back-to-back editions
(AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops: double bill

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

# 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 12.55pm Entertainment News 1.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order **6.00** NCIS Series 15. Triple bill. A Metro PD cop's disappearance is linked to an old murder case **7.00** A sailor is kidnapped 8.00 One of Reeves's friends is kidnapped by a man who stole sensitive data from the US military (AD) **9.00 New.** Criminal Minds Series 8. Reid prepares to meet his mystery woman First shown on Sky Witness 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11 **1.55am** Law & Order: double bill **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: in Hammersmith 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

# 5 Star



Loving Brits in the Sun **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops 2.05 Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD)
5.10pm FILM The Christmas Toy Maker ★★ Romance starring Marisol Nichols
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Dr Ramshaw suspects a patient is suffering from an infection in her sinuses. (AD) **8.00 New.** Yassub has bald patches and Asim's face has started swelling. 9.00 FILM Edge of Tomorrow \*\*\* Sci-fi action drama starring Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt. After being killed on his first day of Blunt. Atter being killed on his first day of combat in a war against aliens, Major William Cage finds himself in a time loop, living the same day over and over again. Review p67. 11.15 FILM Van Wilder \* Teen comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid. Cool student Van Wilder is having such a ball at college that he has no intention of graduation. But those his father sulfs the plus on his finance. But then his father pulls the plug on his finances.

1.10am Making a Serial Killer 2.05 Revenge

2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain-

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

# 5 Action

9.00am Trucking Hell 10.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 11.00 FILM Cimarron \*\* Epic western starring Glenn Ford 1.55pm FILM Journey to Shiloh \*\* Adventure **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 6.00pm Police Interceptors The helicopter crew is called out to rescue a trapped woman. **7.00** Sgt Jon Moon and his police dog Kanto are confronted by a thief wielding a knife. 8.00 New Year's Eve brings an outbreak of rowdiness to the streets of Lincoln. 9.00 FILM Lethal Weapon 2 ★★★ Action thriller sequel starring Mel Gibson. Dismayed to be given a seemingly mundane protection assignment, offbeat Los Angeles detectives Riggs and Murtaugh are soon back in action.

**11.15 FILM Lone Wolf McQuade** ★★★ Action adventure starring Chuck Norris as Lone Wolf McQuade, a Texas Ranger whose mission is to track down a notorious arms. dealer. But McQuade's unorthodox methods soon incur the wrath of his bosses

1.30am Outback Truckers 2.30-3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

# 5 Select



**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.10** Christmas Cruising with Susan Calman **10.10 FILM** A Secret Santa Love Story ★★ Romantic comedy 12 noon The Good Ship Murder **6.00pm The Good Ship Murder** A killer strikes in the shadow of the Sagrada Familia. 7.00 A murder in Malta creates another headache for cruising sleuths Jack and Kate.

8.00 Billy Connolly: 30 Funniest Moments A celebration of the comedian's career, with 10.00 Dad's Army: Secrets and Scandals
Behind the scenes of the comedy.

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H Two new prisoners, Karen and Lynn, are admitted.

12.35am The prisoners hold a farewell party
1.40 Forged in Fire: an Arkansas Toothpick knife
2.30-3.00am Walking Wartime Britain: exploring
Liverpool, Britain's most important wartime port

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FF 313

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# WEDNESDAY Freeview & films





**Property Brothers** 6.00pm A family need more space

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Drew and Jonathan help a couple and their daughter find more space. (AD)

7.00 New. MasterChef Junior **USA Specials** Gordon Ramsay challenges aspiring chefs to make a variety of seasonal delights.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Stu and Rob treat a man with breathing difficulties.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A teenager with anorexia nervosa is rushed in with low blood pressure. 10.00 A carpenter partially severs his hand with a power saw

11.00 999 Rescue Squad Crews are dispatched to a block of flats after an explosion.

12 midnight-3.00am One Born Every Minute: three editions

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

# HGTV

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect 12 noon The Saved and Remade Workshop 1.00pm Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 Best in Miniature 4.00 Escape to the Country 5.00 The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00pm** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** New. Martha Knows st **8.30** Flip or Flop Vegas **9.00** Brother vs Brother **10.00** Home Town Holiday Special 11.00 Bargain Mansions
12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect
1.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

# **London Live**

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

Available in London area only. Other regional

stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8 6.00am Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 6.15 The Prince and the Pauper 7.50 London Districts 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 Otters and the Exotic Pet Trade 11.00 Monkey 12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm Big City Life 1.00 FILM A Place of One's Own ★★★ (BW) 3.00 FILM Keep Fit ★★★ (BW) 4.45 The Avengers (BW) 6.00 News 7.00 Cranford 8.15 Fall and Rise of Regi Perrin 9.00 Murder Most Horrid 9.45 London Districts 10.00 Murder in Suburbia 11.00 Clash of the Santas 1.00am FILM Buster ★★★ 3.00 Carluccio's Six Seasons **3.30** News Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

# Food Network 43



**Mary Berry's Christmas Party** 8.00pm Festive treats

6.00am Cooking Christmas with Matt and Lisa **7.00** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown **8.00** Ainsley's Good Mood Food **9.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) **10.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 11.00 Mary Berry's Christmas Party 12 noon The Pioneer Woman 12.30pm Valerie's Home Cooking 1.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) **2.00** Ainsley's Good Mood Food **3.00** Mary Berry's Christmas Party 4.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **5.30** Valerie's Home Cooking **6.00** Ainsley's Good Mood Food **7.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (AD) **8.00** Mary Berry's Christmas Party: guests include Darcey Bussell and Adil Ray **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: double bill 10.00 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **11.00 New.** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown: making holiday outfits for an elf fashion show 12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown 1.00am James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) 2.00-3.00am Christmas: Animals Celebrate Christmas

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV** 

Celebrate Christmas Too

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder. She Wrote 7.00 M\*A\*S\*H: four episodes 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): a smiling mourner arouses Marty's suspicions 10.00 The Persuaders! the arrival of her long-lost brother costs a woman her inheritance 11.00 Return of the Saint 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Castle 4.50–5.00am Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

# True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 1.00pm A Stranger in My Home 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: exploring the death of Shaun Cummins in 2012, then Detective Chief Inspector Martin Brunning tells Donal about the capture of a triple killer 7.00 Judge Judy **1.00am** Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files **3.00** A Stranger in Mv Home 4.55-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

# BBC Parliament 232

9.30am Live Scottish Parliament Select Committee 11.30 House of Commons: highlights **12.20pm** Liaison Committee with Rishi Sunak **2.00** Live Scottish Parliament **5.10** Scottish Parliament Select Committee 7.10 Scottish Parliament 10.20 Scottish Parliament Select Committee 12.20am Scottish Parliament 3.30 Scottish Parliament Select Committee 5.30-8.40am Scottish Parliament **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



**Edwardian Britain in Colour** 8.35pm A look at leisure time

6.00am Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies 7.00 No Roses on a Sailor's Grave 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.30 Vikings: the Rise and Fall 9.35 Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies 10.45 Edwardian Britain in Colour 11.50 No Roses on a Sailor's Grave **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.55** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **2.55** Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies 4.05 Edwardian Britain in Colour **5.10** No Roses on a Sailor's Grave

**6.20pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 4/6.** The siege of Paris in 885. 7.20 Tutankhamun: Allies and

Enemies 2/2. The boy king's life. 8.35 Edwardian Britain in Colour 1/2. Early 20th-century footage.

9.35 No Roses on a Sailor's Grave Attempts to locate a ship sunk during the Second World War. 10.50 Tutankhamun: Allies and

Enemies As 7.20pm.

**12 midnight** as 8.35pm **1.05am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** as 6.20pm **2.30** as 9.35pm **3.35** as 7.20pm **4.30–6.00am** as 9.35pm

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal **6.25** Strange Evidence 11.10 The UnXplained with William tner **6.00pm** Close Encounters 7.00 UFOs Declassified: unsolved sightings of triangular flying objects that occurred around the world during the 1980s and 90s **8.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: Craig and space journalist Sarah Cruddas look into the suggestion of possible "cover-ups" in the US **9.00** Indistinguishable from Magic Nick Pope reveals how the world will change the day aliens arrive 10.40 Alien Files: Unsealed 11.10 Top Secret UFO Projects Declassified 12.10am Close Encounters Down Under 1.10 Close Encounters 2.00
Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00
Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost Hunter
4.35 Barter Kings 5.00–6.00am Hardcore Pawn: two edition

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Skv 164 Virgin 174

# Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Family Fortunes (AD) **2.00pm** All Star Family Fortunes **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: self-styled "Queen of Mean" Anne Robinson hosts the general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: with Andrea McLean, Robbie Savage, Jessica Taylor and Rory McGrath **9.00**The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: darts-based quiz 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00–6.00am The Crystal Maze

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

# CHILDREN'S FILMS

# Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Milkshake! Fantastic Foxes 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 New. Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chip and Potato 8.55 Penpa Pig 9.05–9.15am Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05–9.15am New.** Milkshake! Story Den

Full listings for Channel 5 are on p94

# **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.55 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.00 Octonauts 8.15 Love Monster 8.30 Alphablocks 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cope's Poposat 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.00 My 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos
9.45 Something Special 10.00 My
Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20
The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders
10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.55 Gecko's
Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.05 Supertato
11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's
Popcast 11.35 Teeny Tiny Creatures
11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook
Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder
Tog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.45 Andy's
Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel
1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks
1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster
1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something
Special: We're All Friends 2.05 My
Petsaurus 2.10 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap Petsaurus 2.10 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.35 Go Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know? 3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10 Analys Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog Squad 4.10 The Game Catchers 4.20 Bluey 4.35 Supertato 4.40 Go Jetters 4.55 Prince 1.5 Cold José Post 5.25 Bing **5.15** Old Jack's Boat **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm New.** Bedtime Stories CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzy and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.20** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.40** Andy and the Band 9.55 Secret Life of Boys 10.00 Class Dismissed 10.20 My Life 10.30 Class Dismissed 10.20 My Life 10.30 Horrible Histories 11.00 Bitesize Daily: 10-11 Year Olds 11.20 Seriously Raleigh 11.28 Super Mood Movers 11.30 Our Boarding School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Horrible Histories: Horrible Christmas 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.50 Saturday Mash-Linl Live 2.55 The Zno 3.10 The Jame Jonnson FC 2.30 Saturday
Mash-Upl Live 2.55 The Zoo 3.10 The
Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja
Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and
the Lemmings 4.20 Boy Girl Dog Cat
Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05** Total Dramarama **5.30** All at Sea **6.00** Horrible Histories **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35–7.00pm** The Next Step CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 70

# ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

# ITV2

**6.00am** DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.35-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

## **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45-12 noon Mumfie Postman Pat 11.45-12 noon Mumfie

# Film4

11.00am The Bells of St Marv's ★★★ Enjoyable musical drama in which a priest helps a nun fix up her run-down mission. Bing Crosby (1945, U) (S) 1.35pm Starman ★★★★ An alien strikes up a close friendship with a widow in this funny, suspenseful and moving sci-fi

romance. Jeff Bridges, Karen Allen (1984, PG) (S) 3.50 The Bridge on the River Kwai Terrific Second World War drama in which PoWs are forced by their Japanese captors to build a railway bridge. Review, right.

William Holden, Alec Guinness (1957, PG) (S) (AD) 7.05pm 10 Things I Hate about You ★★★★ Smart teen romcom that relocates Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew to an LA high school. Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles (1999, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 The Spy Who Dumped Me ★★★★ Outlandish comedy about two unassuming buddies who become embroiled in a deadly international conspiracy. Review, right. Mila Kunis (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.15 Bad Boys II ★★ Will Smith and Martin Lawrence reteam as bickering cops for this highoctane but overlong sequel to the hit comedy thriller. (2003, 15) (S)

2.10-4.00am Songbird ★★ A respectable cast boosts this schlocky pandemic thriller, shot on the empty streets of Los Angeles during lockdown. K J Apa, Sofia Carson, Craig Robinson (2020, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

# Talking Pictures TV

**6.00am Burke's Law** TV drama. **7.00 DOA** ★★★ Edmond O'Brien investigates his own murder in th slow-burning thriller. (1949, PG) (S) 8.40 **Profile** ★ Cheap British B-movie with John Bentley. (1954) (S) **10.00** Together TV drama. 10.35 Home for Christmas ★★ Mickey Rooney stars as a crook whose bungled car theft leads to a magical Christmas. **Review, right.** (1990, U) (S) **12.35pm** Every Day except Christmas TV documentary. 1.20 The Devil's Disciple \*\* Stodgy adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's comedy of mistaken identity. Burt Lancaste Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier (1959, U) (S) 3.05 The Tall Men ★★★★ Clark Gable and Cameron Mitchell star as two brothers searching for gold in this exciting western, Jane Russell (1955, PG) (S) 5.40 Johnny Ringo TV western. 6.10pm For the Love of Ada

Vintage TV sitcom.(S)

6.55 Maigret TV detective series. (S) 8.00 Public Eye TV drama series. 9.05 MR James: The Stalls of Barchester TV dramatisation of the classic ghost story. (S)

9.45 The Informers ★★ Watchable but by-the-book British crime drama, Nigel Patrick (1963, 12) (S)

11.50 Cry of the Banshee \*\* Lightweight period horror starring an engaging but underused Vincent Price as a witchfinder. (1970, 15) (S)

1.35am Moving with the Times TV documentary. 2.00 The Main Chance TV drama. 3.00 It Happened Tomorrow ★★★★ Reporter Dick Powell gets the next day's news stories in this clever and

enjoyable fantasy. Linda Darnell (1944) (S) 4.45-6.00am Open All Night \*\* Ambitious British "quota

quickie". Frank Vosper, Margaret Vines (1934) (S)

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# Great Movies 34

9.00am My Christmas Fiancé

★★ Romantic comedy. Jennifer Freeman, Jack Parr (2022) 11.00 A Dream of Christmas ★★ Festive "what-if" tale. Nikki DeLoach (2016) **1.00pm I Me Wed** ★★ Cookie-cutter romcom. (2007) 2.55 Truly, Madly, Sweetly Low-key romance. Nikki Deloach (2018) 4.50 Brace for Impact ★★ Too many subplots hamper this uneven thriller. Kerry Condon, Sheila McCarthy (2016)

**6.45pm The Bounty Hunter** ★★ Ex-cop Gerard Butler is assigned to track down his ex-wife in this stodgy romantic comedy. Jennifer Aniston (2010, 12)

9.00 The Expendables  $\star\star$ Sylvester Stallone and his veteran mercenaries are hired to overthrow a ruthless Latin dictator. (2010, 18)

11.15 Escape Plan 3 ★★ Sly Stallone leads a rescue mission at a prison in this tired action thriller, Dave Bautista, 50 Cent (2019, 15)

1.10am The Good Sister \*\* A long-lost sibling spells trouble. Sonya Walner Ren Bass Robbie Phillins (2014) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Jane Doe: How to Fire Your Boss

**Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** 

# +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

# Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles **8.30 Indian Uprising** ★ Feeble western. George Montgomery (1951, U) **9.55** The Commandos Strike at Dawn ★★ Plodding flagwaver. Paul Muni (1942) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Ambush at Tomahawk Gap ★★ Formulaic western. John Hodiak, John Derek (1953) 2.35 The Man from Colorado ★★★ Insightful psychological western. Glenn Ford (1948, PG) **4.40** Battle for the Bulge **5.40 Fort Ti** ★★ Routine action movie. George Montgomery (1953, U)

7.15pm Polar Opposites ★★ A scientist holds the key to saving the planet in this low-budget disaster movie. Charles Shaughnessy (2008) 9.00 7 Seconds ★★ Confusing thriller with Wesley Snipes as a commando-turned-thief. (2005, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

**10.55 Crypto** ★★ A young bank auditor is drawn into a dangerous world of corruption. Beau Knapp (2019, 15)

**1.00am Kidnapping Mr Heineken**★★ Insipid crime thriller. Jim Sturgess (2015, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

# Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Forever Christmas ★★ Romance. Chelsea Hobbs (2018) 10.00 The Christmas Cottage ★★ Sweet romantic comedy. Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund (2017) 12 noon Christmas on Ice ★★ Uplifting romance. Abigail Klein, Ryan Cooper (2020) **2.00pm Christmas** Festival of Ice ★★ Routine but warm-hearted romance. Taylor Cole, Damon Runyan (2017) **4.00 A Rose** at Christmas ★★ Saccharine rama. Rachel Boston, Marc Bendavid (2017)

6.00pm Christmas on Mistletoe **Lake** ★★ Romance set around a lakeside community. Genelle Williams (2022)

8.00 Coming Home for Christmas Family feuds make it a Yule to remember. Danica McKellar, Neal Bledsoe (2017) 10.00 A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas ★★ Warm romance. Rachael Leigh Cook, Benjamin Ayres (2019)

12 midnight Rocky Mountain **Christmas** ★★ Touching romance. Kristoffer Polaha (2017) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Deck the Heart ★★ Romance. Ashley Brinkman (2021)

**Great Movies Christmas Freeview** 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

# **Sky Premiere**

**6.25am** As 4.10pm **8.15 Mummies** ★★★ Breezy animated comedy adventure. Joe Thomas (2023, U) 9.50 The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan ★★★★ Vivid and exciting swashbuckling action adventure. François Civil (2023, 15) **12 midday** As 6pm 2.00pm As 8pm 4.10 Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett \*\* Lacklustre biographical drama of the Irish writer. Gabriel Byrne, Fionn O'Shea (2023, 12)

6.00pm May December ★★★★ An actor spends time with the woman she is about to portray.

8.00 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★ Zachary Levi's superhero and his friends face a fearsome trio of goddesses. Review p47. (2023, 12) 10.15 The Machine ★★ A drunken stay in Russia catches up with an unassuming comedian in this action comedy, Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill (2023, 15)

12.15am Love Again ★★ Schmaltzy romcom which features Celine Dion. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12)

2.15 As 9.50am 4.25 A Thousand and One ★★★ Empathetic drama about a single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

# Legend

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**8.00am** Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** Western World ★ Dismal western. Greg Steele (2017, 12) 12.35pm Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson ★★ Sprawling western, Paul Newman (1976, PG) 3.00

The Bull of the West ★★ Diverting but awkward western, Charles Bronson Geraldine Brooks (1972, 12) **5.00** Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi drama. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man

TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 The River Wild ★★★★ Terrific adventure thriller about a woman whose rafting holiday turns into a nightmare. Meryl Streep (1994, 12)

11.10 The Super ★★ A former cop grows suspicious of a creep janitor in this plodding horror. (2017, 15) **12.55am Hostel** ★★ Gory horror.

Jav Hernandez, Derek Richardson (2005, 18) 2.45-4.30am Paranormal **Activity** ★★★★ Increasingly tense no-budget horror. Katie Featherston (2007, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

# Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Killer Wave 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 G-Loc ★★ Low-budget and talky British sci-fi thriller with Stephen Moyer as a man who flees Earth and heads for a refugee planet. Tala Gouveia, Casper Van Dier (2020 12) 1.00pm Killer Wave 3.00 Andromeda **4.00** Star Trek **5.00**Apocalypse of Ice ★ A pandemic ravaged world is further threatened by a global ice storm in this lowbudget, cobbled-together sci-fi hokum, Tom Sizemore, Emily Killian (2020) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 The Resident ★★ Stalker shocker in which a woman gets the feeling she's being watched after moving into a new apartment.

10.50 An American Werewolf in Paris ★★ Inferior but still enjoyable sequel to An American Werewolf in London, with three American students on a "daredevil tour of Europe". Tom Everett Scott (1997, 15)

Hilary Swank, Jeffrey Dean Morgan (2010, 15)

1.00-2.50am The Resident As 9pm **Legend Xtra** F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 **+1** F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

# FILM REVIEWS



**P** Belfast ★★★ 9.00-10.30pm BBC2

**DRAMA** The winner of best British film at the Baftas in 2022, writer/director Kenneth Branagh's autobiographical movie is a heartfelt plea against prejudice.

Set in August 1969, it sees a Belfast neighbourhood attacked by Protestants seeking to force out Catholics. Young Buddy (Jude Hill, above) is frightened by the turmoil, while his parents (Caitríona Balfe and Jamie Dornan) know that standing up against the mob may jeopardise the family's safety. The film eschews a broader overview of the Troubles and is slightly lacking in punch, but still makes for enormously engaging viewing. TREVOR JOHNSTON (UK 2021, violence, swearing, BW/col, HD)

# Home for Christmas ★★ 10.35am-12.35pm

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Talking Pictures TV

**COMEDY DRAMA** As far as Hollywood is concerned, this is the season to be schmaltzy and few films have packed in as many overripe ingredients as this gooey confection. That game old trouper Mickey Rooney stars as a petty crook whose bungled car theft leads to the most magical Christmas of his life. **DAVID PARKINSON (US TVM 1990)** 

# • Paws of Fury: the Legend of Hank

★★★ 12.30-2.20pm

Sky Showcase

**COMEDY** This enjoyable animated movie is loosely based on the Mel Brooks film Blazing Saddles, and boasts Brooks himself among the voice cast. Set in a land of cats, otherwise akin to feudal Japan, it follows lone dog Hank (Michael Cera) as he's released from prison to become a village's samurai defender. EMMA SIMMONDS (UK/US/Chi/Can 2022, HD)

# Pillow Talk ★★★★

1.00-2.40pm **BBC2** 

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**ROMCOM** Kicking off a Doris Day double bill, this entertaining battle-of-thesexes varn casts the star opposite Rock Hudson as

feuding neighbours who are forced to share a telephone line. It's ultra-glossy froth, but the smart plot won the film an Oscar for best story and screenplay. Followed by Move Over, Darling. TONY SLOMAN (US 1959, HD)

# The Christmas **Express** ★★★

1.25-3.25pm **C5** 

**ROMANCE** This lightweight vuletide tale sees Dermot Mulroney's journalist learning life lessons from his fellow passengers (including Danny Glover and Joan Cusack) during a cross-country train journey. Everything unfolds as expected, with the various issues neatly resolved, plus a dollop of sentimentality to warm viewers' hearts. SLOAN FREER (US TVM 2017, HD)

# Move Over, Darling $\star\star\star\star$ 2.40-4.20pm **BBC2**

**COMEDY** In this a remake of 1940's My Favorite Wife, Doris Day plays a woman who returns from a desert island to find that her hubby (James Garner) has remarried. Polly Bergen and Chuck Connors provide perfect support as the "other woman" and the hunk who was marooned with Day. Stealing the show, however, is Thelma Ritter as Day's outspoken mother-inlaw. SUE HEAL (US 1963, HD)

# The Bridge on the River Kwai \*\*\*\*\*

3.50-7.05pm Film4

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WAR Few Second World War movies are as enduring as this multi-Oscar-winning examination of the stiff upper lip from director David Lean. Alec Guinness plays a colonel who leads his men in the building of a rail bridge for the Japanese enemy as an exercise in keeping up morale. Guinness's brand of pride, patriotism and courage speaks of another age. ANDREW COLLINS (UK 1957, HD)

# The Spy Who Dumped Me \*\*\*

9.00-11.15pm Film4

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**ACTION COMEDY Mila** Kunis and Kate McKinnon star here as best friends who become embroiled in a conspiracy when Kunis discovers her ex-boyfriend is a spy. It's like Thelma & Louise crossed with the Bourne films, and director Susanna. Fogel punctuates the action with some laugh-out-loud gags. TERRY STAUNTON (US 2018, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge ★★★ 10.40pm-12.40am **BBC1** (starts 11.10pm in Scotland and Wales, 11.30pm in N Ireland) 12

**ADVENTURE** The pirate's life continues for Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) in another action-packed swashbuckler. This time he helps Henry Turner (Brenton Thwaites), the son of his former shipmate Will (Orlando Bloom), find the Trident of Poseidon. On their tail is Salazar (Javier Bardem), an undead sailor with a score to settle. **VICTORIA LUXFORD** (US 2017, violence, swearing, HD)

# Sky Cinema picks

Letters to Juliet ★★★★ 4.15-6.05pm

# Sky Cinema Comedy

Vanessa Redgrave looks for her lost love in Italy. (2010, PG) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

# Jurassic World ★★★★ 8.10-10.20pm Sky Family

A new dino-park opens. (2015, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

# Frida ★★★★

10.10pm-12.15am Sky Hits The life of an artist. (2002, 15) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# WEDNESDAY

# Satellite, cable

# Sky Showcase



**Johnny English** 6.15pm The secret agent takes aim

6.00am Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (AD) **7.00 FILM** Extinct ★★★ Animated comedy adventure with the voice of Adam Devine (W) 8.35 Trolls: Holiday in Harmony 9.05 Morph's Epic Adventures 9.30 The Simpsons 10.00 Football's Funniest Moments (AD) 11.00 The Bachelor King (AD) 12.30pm FILM Paws of Fury: the Legend of Hank ★★★ Animated comedy with the voice of Michael Cera. Review p97 (W) 2.20 The Simpsons: double bill **3.20** The Amazing Mr Blunden (AD) **5.15** Rob and Romesh vs Lapland

6.15pm Johnny English ★★ Spy comedy adventure starring Rowan Atkinson. (W)

8.00 New. Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir The couple seek out their favourite seasonal birds, with a focus on the waxwing.

9.00 Micky Flanagan: an' Another Fing Live A stand-up show from London's O2 Arena.

11.00 New. The Lazarus Project 6/8 Series 2. The team sets out to rescue Janet. See p91. 12 midnight A League of Their Own **1.00am** Sex and the City **2.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) **3.00** Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **4.00** Christmas at

the Movies **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

# Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Stargate G-1 **1.00pm FILM** War of the Worlds: Annihilation ★ Sci-fi action thriller starring William Baldwin 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1

5.00pm Stargate Universe 20/20 Series 1. The Destiny is affected by power surges and Rush discovers that a binary pulsar is emitting deadly radiation. **6.00** 1/20 Series 2. The Destiny continues its journey through the universe, while its crew suffers from a lack of supplies and no knowledge of its final destination.

7.00 Attack of the Meth Gator \*

Comedy horror starring Ray Acevedo and Tristen Amason. A Florida community is terrorised by a hopped-up reptile.

9.00 From 5/10 Series 2. Sara must face the music as word of her return spreads through town. 10.05 6/10. Tensions run high at Colony House when word spreads about the food shortage. A night at the clinic takes a terrifying turn.

11.05 Swim \*

Action horror starring Joey Lawrence and Jennifer Field. A family find themselves trapped in their holiday home during a flood, along with a hungry shark.

1.00am Stargate Universe 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Pandora 5.00-6.00am Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

# Sky Atlantic



Watchmen 9.00pm Laurie Blake takes over in Tulsa

6.00am Urban Secrets 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.35** True Blood

5.35pm Billions 6/12 Series 4 Taylor pursues a new business venture and Axe uncovers a trap. Meanwhile, Connerty comes up with a cunning plan. (AD) **6.45 7/12.** Taylor is forced to make a difficult decision for the good of their company. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 3/10 S*eries 3*. Tvrion assumes new responsibilities, Jon is taken to the imposing Fist of the First Men, and Daenerys meets with the slavers. (AD)

9.00 Watchmen 3/9. FBI agent Laurie Blake takes over the recent murder investigation in Tulsa. Meanwhile, the Lord of the Estate draws unwelcome attention. (AD)

10.05 Band of Brothers 2/10 Winters rallies the troops during the horrendous confusion of the Normandy landings.

11.10 Westworld 7/10 Series 1 Delores and William continue to head into dangerous territory, (AD) **12.15am 8/10.** Bernard struggles with a mandate issued to him by Dr Ford to kill his beloved Theresa. (AD) 1.20 Game of Thrones: double bill (AD) 3.35 In Treatment 4.05-6.00am Urban Secrets Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

# **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare 9.00 Border Security: Front Line **10.00** Highway Patrol **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven back-to-back editions of the documentary following the work of customs officers in Australia.

**8.00 The Equalizer 17/18** *Series 3* After being led to the location of her late father's car, McCall must revisit the past to uncover the truth behind his murder 30 years earlier. (AD)

9.00 The Rookie 4/20 Series 2 Officer Nolan must adjust to his new training officer's unconventional approach to police work. (AD)

10.00 Chicago Fire 2/22 Series 11 Carver works with Kidd to help his former boss. As Hawkins and Violet's relationship blossoms, Gallo turns his attention elsewhere.

**11.00 The Rookie 4/22** Series 4 When Nolan and Chen search for a missing person with international ties, everyone is put in danger. (AD)

12 midnight FBI 1.00am FBI: International 2.00 New, FBI 19/23 Series 5. The team searches for a murderer Rptd Thu 9pm **3.00** New. FBI: International 19/22 Series 2. An American tourist is killed in Stockholm Rptd Thu 10pm **4.00** The Resident 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

# Sky Max



The Lazarus Project 11.00pm Will Janet be rescued in time?

6.00am Terry Pratchett's The Colour of Magic (AD) **9.30** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses (AD) **1.30pm** The Unofficial Science of Home Alone (AD) **3.00** The Amazing Mr Blunden (AD) 5.00 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland (AD)

6.00pm Never Mind the Buzzcocks With Lauren Laverne, Holly Johnson and Asim Chaudhry.
7.00 With guests Claire Richards, Tom Allen and Pete Doherty. 8.00 With Leigh-Anne Pinnock. Harry Hill and Ricky Wilson. (AD)

9.00 Bad Santa 2 \*\*

Black comedy starring Billy Black corneuy starting 2..., Bob Thornton. Failed Santa impersonator-cum-safecracker Willie Soke is persuaded to don the suit again in a scheme to rob a charity of millions of dollars. (W)

11.00 New. The Lazarus Project 6/8 Series 2. After successfully arriving in 2012, George and the team set out to rescue Janet and retrieve the time machine. See page 91.

12 midnight A League of Their Own: a double bill of Christmas specials **2.00am New.** A Very Brassic Christmas: Vinnie and the gang must save Christmas. **See** choice, p101 Rptd tomorrow 10pm 3.30 Christmas Crime UK **4.00** Christmas at the Movies **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

# Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 7.00am bixth sense with Collin Fry 8.00 Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) 9.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Highway Cops 12 noon Highway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Motorway Patrol 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 (AD) 6.00 Merlin: two episodes (AD) 8.00 Starqate Atlantis: an alien intruder threatens the security an alien intruder threatens the security of the base **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Maria is framed for a crime, then rumours circulate that Samuel has risen from his grave (AD) 11.00 Christmas at the Movies: double bill elebrities talk about their favourite festive films and seasonal specials 1.00am Caught on Dashcam: a compilation of the most dramatic traffic incidents **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

# **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil the Nation (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers 8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 9.00 Exil CHOICE New. The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer See page 90 10.00 Murder Next Door (AD) 11.00 Killer in My Village 12 midnight Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00am World's Most Evil Killers 2.00 Killer Siblings 3.00 Road Wars 5.00 Killer Siblings 3.00 Road Wars 5.00 Killer Siblings 3.00 Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321



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Mrs Brown's Boys 9.00pm Agnes is feeling festive

7.10am The Two Ronnies 9.30 Still Open All Hours **10.05** The Fosters **10.35** Last of the Summer Wine **12.35pm** Are You Being Served? **1.10** Keeping Up Appearances **1.55** Trust Morecambe & Wise **2.55** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **3.40** Oply Fools and Horses (AD) 3.40 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 5.00 Trust Morecambe & Wise

6.00pm Only Fools and Horses A Christmas special from 1982 Del finds a new girlfriend. (AD) 6.40 The Trotter brothers finances hit an all-time low. (AD)

8.00 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine learns that there is a heavy price to be paid for festive kindness when she agrees to attend three Christmas lunches. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes endeavours to arrange the perfect family Christmas for her family.

9.40 The Royle Family: the **New Sofa** A Nigella-inspired Denise decides that she will cook Christmas dinner in this festive special from 2008. (AD)

11.00 Gavin & Stacey The Welsh contingent arrives in Essex to spend the holiday with the Shipmans, in this 2008 Christmas edition. (AD) 12.20am Men Behaving Badly (AD)

1.25 Absolutely Fabulous (AD) 2.05 Mrs Brown's Boys **2.45–4.00am** The Vicar of Dibley (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

# **Sky Comedy**

8.00am Will & Grace: 20 back-to-back episodes of the US sitcom (AD) **6.00pm** Silicon Valley: five episodes of the comedy starring Thomas Middleditch. A computer programmer finds himself the subject of a bidding war for a revolutionary data-compression algorithm he created **6.35** Peter Gregory demands a full business plan for Pied Piper **7.10** Jared discovers the name Pied Piper is already registered to an irrigation company **7.45** Richard regrets irrigation company 7.45 Richard regrets making a drunken promise 8.20 Erlich hires a graffiti artist to design the company's logo 9.00 Micky Flanagan: an' Another Fing Live 11.00 Smothered 12 midnight Sex and the City: double bill **1.00am** Breeders (AD) **2.00** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **3.00** The Office US **4.00–5.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

# **Comedy Central**

8.00am Blockbusters 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 11.00 Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle 6.00 Friends: six backta-hald onleades of the U.S. Six Backta-hald onleades of the U.S. 3.00 The Middle 6.00 Friends: six back-to-back episodes of the US sitcom (AD) 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Very Christmassy Christmas Show: with Jamie Oliver, Rob Brydon, Barbara Windsor, Michelle Keegan and Robbie Williams 10.00 Tom Allen Absolutely Live: a stand-up performance recorded. Live: a stand-up performance recorded at the London Palladium **11.00 New.**Jason Byrne: Audience Precipitation:
Jason Byrne is back for more comedy chaos **1.00am** Jack Dee Live at the Apollo **2.00** Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains **3.00** South Park **4.15–5.00am** The Middle (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

# Alibi



Elementary 7.00pm Jonny Lee Miller stars as Sherlock

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 1/24 Series 4. With Sherlock facing a possible prison sentence, his estranged father arrives in New York determined to fix his son's problems by any means necessary.

8.00 Father Brown 12/15 Series 3 The priest investigates when a body is found at a stone circle, leading him to conclude that dark forces are involved. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 5/8 Series 2. Camille's best friend collapses during a night of music and cocktails on a party boat. prompting the team to question the tourists and workers on board. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 13/15 Series 3. A man is found dead inside a bank vault, and Father Brown must solve the mystery to save an innocent man from paying the price, (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 2/16 Series 4 Jane must grudgingly work with a former colleague to look into the death of a journalism student who had been investigating a drug ring at her university. (AD)

**12 midnight** Elementary (AD) **3.05–4.00am** We Hunt Together: psychological thriller (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

# **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Deadliest Catch **7.00pm** Outback Truckers: Sharon risks crocodile-infested wate in a race to feed starving cattle 8.00 Railroad Alaska: a train hauling the Alaska Railroad's biggest load has a communication shutdown 9.00 New. The Garden: Commune or Cult?: an off-grid community welcomes new members to its unconventional way of life (AD) **10.00** Gold Rush: White Water: a storm tears through Nugget Creek, putting dive sites and dredges in severe jeopardy **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: Bryce tries to elicit a response

12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am The Garden: Commune or Cult? (AD) 2.00 Gold Rush: White Water 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

# Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing Up History 9.00 Greatest Events of World War II 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm How the Universe Works 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown (AD) 8.00 Greatest Events of World War II 9.00 Combat Dealers (AD) War II **9.00** Combat Dealers (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard finds a pair of Danish rattan chairs in Harrogate 11.00 Shed and Buried

12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Greatest Events of World War II 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



# & sport

# Sky Documentaries



### **Discovering: Peter O'Toole** 5.00pm The actor's career

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Peter O'Toole (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Spector (AD) **12 noon** Williams and Mansell: Red 5 (AD) **1.50pm** My Icon: Pam Cookey (AD) **2.00** Kings of Coke (AD) **3.45** My Icon: Kate and Helen Richardson-Walsh (AD) **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Peter O'Toole (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s A look back at the music of the decade, and how rapidly technology changed.

6.55 The Vow Lauren reveals the decades of manipulation she endured. (AD)

8.00 Spector Phil Spector assembles his legal defence team as he professes his innocence, (AD)

9.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator A woman starts an online group for others who share similar recollections.

**10.00 Lance** Drawing on interviews with Lance Armstrong, this film chronicles his life and career. **11.50** A look at Armstrong's seven Tour de France victories and his subsequent fall from grace.

**1.50am** My Icon: Michael Holding (AD) **2.00** The 2010s **3.00 FILM** The Kingmaker ★★★★ A portrait of Imelda Marcos (W) **5.00–6.00am** Discovering: Peter O'Toole (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

# **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Venice's Lost Empire: Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 3.00 Nazi Megastructures 4.00 Pacific War Megawrecks: Drain the Oceans (AD) 5.00 Car SOS (AD) 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt: archaeologists piece together how the pyramids evolved (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: a plane that flew into a storm over Indonesia 8.00 Car SOS: triple bill. A 1980 Ford Escort RS2000 **9.00** A 1992 Saab 900 Turbo **10.00** Restoring a 1993 Toyota Supra Mk4 (AD) **11.00** Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight Airport Security: First Class 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

# **Sky History**

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Secrets in the Ice 12 noon Rust Valley Restorers 2.00pm Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nation 5.00 Pays Stars

Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fal of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00pm** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00 New**. Mysteries from Above: Nubian pyramids reveal the rise of female power in Ancient Kush **9.00** American Werewolves: the apparent myth of upright canines **11.00** Paranormal Survivor

12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Mountain Men 3.00 Mysteries from Above 4.00–6.00am Rust Valley Restorers

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

# Sky Nature



# Beasts of the Big Blue 6.00pm A look at fur seals

6.00am OI Pejeta Diaries 7.00 Monkey Life **8.00** Patagonia (AD) **9.00** New Kids in the Wild **10.00** Into the Wild: Colombia 11.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD) 12 noon Beasts Of The

Big Blue (AD) 1.00pm Monkey Life 2.00 Patagonia (AD) 3.00 New Kids in the Wild 4.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 5.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD)

6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue Following pilot whales as they traverse one of the longest natural sandbars. (AD)

**7.00 Monkey Life** Double bill. Daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset.

8.00 Whale with Steve **Backshall** Featuring a female southern right whale that has travelled to the waters off Argentina to give birth.

9.00 Great Blue Wild A look at the diverse marine life found in the Indonesian archipelago.

10.00 Beasts of the Big Blue As 6pm.

11.00 Dawn to Dusk Creatures make the most of a hot Christmas Day in New Zealand. (AD)

12 midnight The Great Elephant Tale **1.00am** Wild Castles **2.00** Whale with Steve Backshall **3.00** Great Blue Wild 4.00 Patagonia (AD) **5.00–6.00am** New Kids in the Wild

**Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

# Eden

9.00am Blue Planet II **6.00pm** Blue Planet II: six editions. A look at creatures that live on coral reef including groupers, small predators that scientists believe are as intelligent as chimpanzees **7.00** Wildlife that lives thousands of kilometres from land **8.00** Footage of wildlife inhabiting underwater kelp forests, including Animals that live on the coast, including sea lions hunting for tuna **10.00** The ways human activity can impact aquatic wildlife **11.00** Marine life around the world, from dolphins and tusk fish in a tropical coral reef to walruses struggling to cope with the impact of stings change 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Blue Planet II 5.30–6.00am David Blue Planet II **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

# **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters 3.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Sharkwrecked: Crash Landing: Paul de Gelder and James Glancy explore the world's most shark-infested waters 9.00 Sharktacular 2016: hosted by Eli Roth 10.00 Edge of 2016: hosted by Eli Roth **10.00** Edge of Alaska: Neil defies both nature and locals by developing his mine tour 11.00 The Zoo: a camel has a tooth issue 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

# **SPORT**

# **Sky Main Event**

**Sky** 401 **Virgin** 511/HD 501 **EE** 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
8.00 LIVE Big Bash League
Cricket Perth Scorchers v Hobart
Hurricanes, the T20 match from
Optus Stadium in Perth.

**11.45** My Icon (AD)

4.30 Sports Desk

12 noon Lunchtime Live 12.30pm LIVE World Darts

The afternoon session on day six from Alexandra Palace in London, with three first-round matches and one second-round match

**7.00 LIVE League Cup Football** Liverpool v West Ham United, coverage of the quarter-final from Anfield (kick-off **8.00**). 10.30 Back Pages Tonight 11.00–6.00am Sky Sports News

# Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

**6.00am** Retro League One **8.45** EFL Greatest Games 10.00 Championship Retro **12 noon** League Cup Football **2.00pm** Scottish Premiership Football **2.15** EFL Rivalries: two editions **3.15** Championship Highlights 3.30 Women's Super League Football **4.00** Championship Highlights **4.30** League Cup Highlights 5.00 Championship Highlights 5.30 Scottish Premiershin Round-Un

**5.45** Championship Highlights 6.00 League One and Two Goals 6.30 League Cup Highlights 7.00 LIVE League Cup Football

Liverpool v West Ham United,

coverage of the quarter-final from Anfield (kick-off **8.00**). 11.00 A League of Their Own 12 midnight League Cup Highlights 12.30am EFL Greatest Games 1.00 Championship Retro **3.00** League Cup Retro **5.00–6.00am** Classic Play-Offs

# Skv Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

**6.00am** Rose Ladies Series **8.30** LPGA Tour: Chevron Championship **2.00pm** Women's PGA Championship **4.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **9.00** Legends Tour Golf: MCB Tour Championship **10.00** Ryder Cup: Official Films: the 2023 tournament 12 midnight-6.00am Ladies European Tour Golf: action from 2023

# Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

5.20-9.30pm LIVE German Football FC Union Berlin v FC Cologne (kick-off **5.30**); **7.30** VfL Wolfsburg v Bayern Munich (kick-off **7.30**).

# **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am Tennis 8.30 Tenhall 9.00 Cycling **10.00** Mountain Bikes **12 noon** Cycling **2.00pm** Snooker **4.00** Tour de France **5.00** Cycling **6.00** A Voyage of Discovery **7.00** Cycling **9.00** Karate **10.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup 11.00 Triathlon 12 midnight Tennis 2.00am Triathlon 3.00 Cycling 5.00-7.00am Snooker

# **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413 6.00am Olympics 7.00 Climbing 8.00 Superbikes 10.00 Snooke 12 noon Speedway 2.00pm Motor Racing 4.00 British Superbikes 6.00 Formula E: two races 8.00 World Superbikes **10.00** Climbing **11.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup 12 midnight A Voyage of Discovery 1.00am Motor Racing 2.00 Formula E 4.00–6.00am British Superbikes



# League Cup Football 7.00pm Sky Football Reds sharpshooter Cody Gakpo

# **Sky Premier League**

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

**6.00am** Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Football Show 12 noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Highlights 5.00 Premier League 100 Club (AD) 6.00 Premier League Legends (AD) 7.00 Premier League Stories 7.30 Netbusters 8.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox 9.00 Premier League Stories 9.30 Netbusters 10.00 Class of 92 11.00 Premier League Retro 1.00am Premier League Years: the 1992/93 season (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games **4.00** Premier League Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

# Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Classic World Cup (AD) **6.30** Best of the Big Bash (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Highlights **7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes, the T20 match from Optus Stadium in Perth.

11.45 International One-Day Cricket **12.45pm** Classic World Cup (AD) **2.00** International One-Day Cricket **3.00** Big Bash League Cricket 7.00 Classic World Cup Cricket (AD) 8.00 Big Bash League Cricket 9.00 International One-Day Cricket 10.00 Big Bash League Cricket 11.00 International One-Day Cricket 12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket 4.00am Classic World Cup (AD) 5.00-6.00am Big Bash League

# Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL Highlights: five games 11.00 NFL Bitesize 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm NFL 4.00 NFL Review Show 5.00 NFL 6.00 Pro-Football Talk 8.00 NFL Bitesize 9.00 Jaguars Weekly UK 9.30 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 10.15 One Jets Drive 11.00 Fantasy 12 midnight Total Access 1.00am Jaguars Weekly UK 1.30 Pro-Football Talk 3.30 NFL Highlights 4.30 NFL Bitesize 4.45 Jaguars Weekly UK **5.15–6.00am** One Jets Drive

# Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am World Darts 10.00 Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 2021 **10.30** The Greatest Leg **11.00** Darts Gold (AD)

**12.30pm LIVE World Darts**The afternoon session on day six from Alexandra Palace, London. 4.30 The Rise of MVG 5.00 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **5.30** Darts Gold (AD) 7.00 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day six.

11.00 The Rise of MVG 11.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion

12 midnight Darts Gold 1.00am World Darts: the afternoon session 5.00 The Rise of MVG 5.30-6.00am Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion

# **TNT Sports 1**

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am The Football's On (AD) 7.00 restling **9.30** NBA on Fire **10.00** hampions League Magazine (AD) 11.00 Europa League Magazine 12 noon Badminton 2.00pm Test Cricket 4.00 International T20 Cricket **5.00** Wrestling (AD) **7.00** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **7.30** French Football **8.00 LIVE French Football** A Ligue 1 match (kick-off **8.00**).

10.00 International T20 Cricket Highlights 11.00 Fight Week 11.30 Serie A: Full Impact 12 midnight Champions League Magazine 12.30am LIVE NBA Brooklyn

Nets v New York Knicks, the Eastern Conference game from Barclays Centre (tip-off **12.30**). 3.00 NBA on Fire 3.30 Fight Week 4.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 5.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 5.30 Champions League Goals Reload 5.45-6.00am Europa League Reload

# TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431 6.30am Premier League Netbusters (AD) **7.00** Australian Football **1.00pm** Italian Football: five games **6.00** International One-Day Cricket **7.00** Badminton Weekly (AD)

7.15 LIVE EuroCup Basketball London Lions v Prometev Slobozhanske from Copper B Arena, London (tip-off **7.30**). 9.30 Fight Week 10.00 30 Years of UFC: Favourite Fights 10.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union

11.30-6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Wellington Blaze v Otago Sparks, a women's match from Basin Reserve; 3.00am Wellington Firebirds v Otago Volts, coverage of the men's match at Basin Reserve.

# TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432 **6.30am** Test Cricket Highlights **8.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union **9.30** Fishing (AD) **10.30** French Football **6.00pm** Australian Football **6.30** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **7.00** Premier League Reload **7.15** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **7.45** Goals Reload

8.00 LIVE Women's Champions League Football Hacken v Chelsea from Bravida Arena (kick-off **8.00**). **10.00** Wrestling: WWE action 12.45am TNT Sports Goals Reload 1.00 Fishing (AD) 2.00-6.00am Champions Cup Rugby Union

# TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 6.00am World Rally (AD) 12 noon Australian Football 1.00pm NBA 4.00 Rugby Union 5.00 NBA 8.00 LIVE French Football Ligue 1 match (kick-off **8.00**). **10.00** Champions League Magazine (AD) **11.00** Europa League Magazine 12 midnight Badminton 2.00am Test

# Viaplay Sports

Cricket **4.00** International T20 Cricket **5.00–6.00am** Australian Football

5.00-11.30pm LIVE Spanish Football Barcelona v Almería, a La Liga match (kick-off 6.00); **8.00** Athletic Bilbao v Las Palmas from San Mamés (kick-off **8.30**); **8.00** Villarreal v Celta Vigo from Estadio de la Ceramica (ko **8.30**).

# DAZN

5.45pm LIVE Women's Champions League Football Roma v Paris Saint-Germain from Stadio Tre Fontane (kick-off **5.45**); 8.00 Hacken v Chelsea from Bravida Arena (kick-off 8.00)



4.00-5.00am Tanked



## **FOOD**

# Nigella's Amsterdam Christmas

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Speculaas biscuits, mussels and biryani may not be on your Christmas menu but Nigella Lawson, back on our screens for the first time in ages, is a big fan of such Dutch delicacies.

Filmed in London and Amsterdam, this festive special allows her to share her enthusiasm for "the unique magic of Amsterdam at Christmas" as well as unveiling new recipes drawn from its history, culture and ingredients.

It may be a more aspirational style of cookery than Jamie's, but even if your culinary limit is toast, watching Nigella calmly creating delicious meals in that enviable kitchen is very seductive. JANE RACKHAM
See feature: page 34

## ARTS

# Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions

8.00pm **Sky Arts** Catch up via Now Having explored Italy's influence on Charles Dickens, David Harewood's second documentary (the first aired on Tuesday) looks at a more familiar strand in Dickens: his feel for the supernatural. No preview was available, but it's a rich seam.

Dickens was happy to feed the Victorian public's love of ghost stories and the paranormal. He attended seances as an adult and joined a paranormal society, and the fact that he remained a sceptic didn't stop him producing tales such as *The Signal-Man* and *A Christmas Carol* that made masterly use of ghostly themes. Through readings and archive footage, Harewood explores the eerie side of the Victorian era.

**DAVID BUTCHER** See page 11

# **SITCOM**

# **The Good Life**

8.30pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer Everyone who celebrates the occasion has their own Christmas rituals. I only start feeling festive when Barbara adds her wonky robin to the yule log. But then *Silly*, *But It's Fun...* has been a seasonal, feel-good favourite since 1977, when 21 million tuned in for the first broadcast.

The story is simplicity itself: the Goods invite the Leadbetters round for a home-made Christmas when theirs fails to materialise. But the four leads were one of sitcom's tightest quartets, so any episode where they simply interact for almost its entirety is just dandy. Best moments? Tom's silent crackers? Jerry checking for signs of political chickenpox? All great. But if you're still funny after 46 years, that really is genius. MARK BRAXTON

# **DOCUMENTARY**

# The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess

9.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX
These documentaries that
accompany ITV true-crime dramas
often do little more than replace
actors with the real people, who then
proceed to recap all the events we've
just witnessed. But this one adds
a genuine final chapter to the Melissa
Caddick case, thanks to its focus
on her husband Anthony Koletti.
His actions in the wake of his wife's
disappearance made him a person
of interest to many of the social
media detectives fascinated by the
salacious nature of this story.

Whether the police ever considered him a serious suspect is another matter, but it's obvious from the interview he gives here that the chatter and finger pointing has taken its toll. **DB** 

# **ALSO ON TODAY**

# **Detectorists**

9.00pm **BBC2** A repeat of last year's feature-length special of the comedy about metal detecting enthusiasts Andy and Lance.



# **Motherland**

10.40pm (see listings for regions) **BBC1** The mums and Kevin host the ultimate blended celebrations, in an episode first shown last year.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# **Late Night Lycett:** It's Christmas!

10.00pm **C4** 

Catch up via C4 streaming

Joe Lycett's anarchic chat show was a critical hit when it launched earlier this year, so it's no surprise to see it back for a Christmas special. How Lycett will top the unruly highs of the first series – which included Katherine Ryan being trapped on a barge and Paul Chuckle destroying a corner shop – is anyone's guess.

Expect guests including Mel B, Aisling Bea, Shaun Ryder and Guz Khan alongside regulars (Joe's aunties and a dog called Linda Biscuits). Plus, a celebrity Santa, a special festive giveaway and enough near-the-knuckle jokes to make for a very blue Christmas. There's a new series next year. HUW FULLERTON

terms of sewing, but they're always highly

entertaining. "As long as they're having a really nice

pleased," says judge Patrick Grant. You do wonder

hilarious singing finale (remember them dressed as

Sonny and Cher last year? Think ZZ Top this time).

whether he and Esme Young are more focused on the

time, and something goes on a mannequin... I'm

# **COMEDY DRAMA**

# **A Very Brassic Christmas**

10.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

Someone's smashed up the set of the local school nativity, where our lad Tyler (Jude Riordan) was in line to play an intimidatingly plausible King Herod, so the gang spring into action for a heist against local grotto mogul Dick Dolphin (guest star Greg Davies).

While that's all going on, Vinnie (Joseph Gilgun) has been assigned to look in on an elderly woman who lives alone: Edie is played by Imelda Staunton and her scenes with Gilgun are a chance to see two of Britain's best TV performers sparking off each other. For a long time the reason for her spiky defensiveness is unclear, but when it's revealed it sets up a beautiful festive fable. JACK SEALE

# **ROMANTIC COMEDY**

# **Smothered**

10.00pm, 10.30pm **Sky Comedy** Catch up via Now



This comedy has been a delightful surprise. The last two episodes continue to deliver - and

not just with an enjoyable cameo from Jay Rayner. Sammy (Danielle Vitalis) and Tom (Jon Pointing) both decide to go along to Gillian's restaurant launch. It soon backfires.

Their argument runs into Christmas (Sammy asked Tom for space; she's furious he's given it to her) and writer Monica Heisey has fun dismantling romcom clichés, from that cue card scene in Love Actually to a romantic dash across London. Energising and unexpected - it deserves a second series.

FRANCES TAYLOR

the celebrities don't know their armhole from

jacket into a festive food item. Helping (or

Bynoe, from Ghosts. JR

hindering?) them is new presenter Kiell Smith-

their bobbin. However, Toyah Willcox used to make

her own stage clothes – although that may not be

an advantage when challenged to wrangle a puffer



LIVE SPORT

# Cricket: Men's T20 Series West Indies v England

7.30pm TNT Sports 1 Look out for England batsman

Harry Brook (above) in the last in a five-match series in Trinidad and Tobago.

# Football: Premier League Crystal Palace v Brighton 7.30pm (k/o 8pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Premier League Always a hotly contested fixture.

# **Darts: World Championship**

12:30pm, 10pm Sky Sports Main **Event** 

Day seven at Alexandra Palace in London.

# FILM OF THE DAY



# **Meet Me in St Louis** \*\*\*\* U 1.00pm BBC2

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas..." This seasonal classic is guaranteed to cast those troubles away, as it follows a year in the life of a close-knit Missouri family at the turn of the 20th century. Judy Garland (above) stars. (1944)

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# THURSDAY Main Channels

# DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.15 Animal Park The keepers hide lumps of meat on a tree to create a puzzle for the cheetahs. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 For Love or Money** Featuring a woman who sent £3,000 to someone she met online, (R) (S) (HD) **10.45 Frontline Fightback** The impact that thefts and break-ins have on rural communities. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer A celebrity edition, featuring Amanda Lovett from The Traitors. (S) (HD)

**12.15pm Bargain Hunt** Christina Trevanion presents a Christmas edition from Peterborough. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Snow Animals Liz Bonnin reveals the strategies wildlife uses to survive through the winter. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.45 Escape to the Country A rural home in either Dorset or Devon with business potential. (R) (S) (HD)

3.45 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 5/6 Ralf Little and Ricky Tomlinson visit South Yorkshire to meet a champion brass band. First shown on Gold (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies Featuring a team including Susan Calman and Jon Culshaw. (R) (S) (HD)

**6.05am A Vicar's Life** Following the day-to-day lives of three vicars in the diocese of Hereford. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**6.35 Christmas in Toyland** ★★ Romantic comedy starring Vanessa Lengies. A retail analyst tries to save hundreds of jobs before Christmas. On iPlayer until New Year's Eve. (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 2/3. BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson discusses Christmas memories. First shown on BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

1.00pm Meet Me in St Louis Classic musical starring Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien, starring Judy Garianu and Margaret O Briefly charting the everyday adventures of the Smith family in early 20th-century St Louis. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 107. (1944, U) (S) (HD)

2.50-5.10 Sweet Charity ★★★ Musical comedy starring Shirley MacLaine and Sammy Davis Jr. Warm-hearted showgirl Charity Hope Valentine dares to dream of love, marriage and respectability. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p107.** (1968, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Fashion, food and chat. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Celebrity interviews, cookery and lifestyle advice. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women The regulars and their auests put the world to rights once more. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson recalls classic deals, including the highest price ever paid on the show for a watch. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00–4.00 Lingo** Adil Ray presents as duos from

Nottinghamshire, Birmingham and Derby compete in the word game. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

# Channel 4

6.00am Come Dine with Me The fourth festive edition from York features fiery cheesy focaccia. (R) (S) (HD) 6.25 Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD)

7.05 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.20 The Big Bang Theory Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.20 Frasier** Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.20 News** (S) (HD) 11.25 Christmas at Grand Valley ★★ Romantic

drama starring Danica McKellar and Brennan Elliott. Streaming for 30 days. (2018) (S) (W) (HD) 1.05pm Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts Jamie Oliver

shares a guide to the ultimate roast turkey. (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (S) (HD)

3.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Four crafters build and decorate a gingerbread structure. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Jean Johansson helps Alison and Michael from Chichester find a holiday home in the town of Tomar, Portugal. (R) (S) (HD)

# BBC<sub>1</sub>

Nigella's **Amsterdam** Christmas 8.00pm Going Dutch: the cook enjoys the city's celebrations



## 5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Rick Edwards, Emer Kenny, Danny Wallace, Yuriko Kotani, Ian Waite, Vincent Simone, Russ Bray and Deta Hedman take part in the quiz. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD) 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

5/14. Singer/songwriter Andrew Roachford, stand-up comedians Sara Barron and Jo Coffey, and BBC Sport presenter Jason Mohammad answer questions on the music of Stevie Wonder, Guys & Dolls, the Dallas character JR Ewing and the films of Al Pacino. Hosted by Clive Myrie. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

### 7.30 EastEnders

Disaster strikes for Sharon. Dean hatches a plan after receiving advice from an unlikely source. Writer Kevin Rundle Cast Monday/Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

# 8.00 Nigella's Amsterdam Christmas

Nigella Lawson returns for a special Christmas treat as she travels to Amsterdam to enjoy the festive season in the "Venice of the North". With family ties to the city that go back generations, Nigella has fond memories of visiting the Netherlands at this time of year. As well as visiting her favourite places in the area, she visits a sweet store with a liquorice niche, a cheese seller, and a chip shop with queues that stretch around the block. See page 100. rector Dominic Cyriax; Executive producer Paolo Proto (S) (AD) (HD)

# 9.00 The Great British Sewing Bee: **Celebrity Christmas Special**

New host Kiell Smith-Bynoe is joined by singer Toyah Willcox, actor Hammed Animashaun and comedians Kerry Godliman and Jessica Knappett as judges Esme Young and Patrick Grant put their sewing skills to the test. The first task is a twist on a Christmas stocking pattern, before they transform puffer jackets into food-themed fancy dress and create outfits for their dream Christmas Day. See page 101. Director Ivan Youlden: Series producer Rebecca Cray Repeated tomorrow 1.25pm BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Motherland

Last Christmas. The mums - and Kevin - prepare to host the ultimate blended festive celebrations, but the big day takes a shocking turn at Julia's.

Jackie Clune Julia Anna Maxwell Martin Mrs Lamb Amanda Terry Mynott Penny Ryder Lucy Punch .Johnny Paul Ready Kevin Elizabeth Diane Morgan Tanya Moodie Tamara Louise Delamere Rill Anthony Head Felicity Philippa Dunne Anne Joanna Lumley Oliver Chris Anne's mammy
Ellie Haddington Maggie McCarthy Marion

Writers Sharon Horgan, Holly Walsh, Helen Serafinowicz and Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Director Simon Hynd; Producer Caroline Norris (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

## 11.15 Last Christmas ★★

Romantic comedy. London, 2017: life could be better for twenty-something chaos magnet Kate, who has her heart set on being a singer but works all year round as an elf in a Covent Garden store. Then she meets too-good-to-be true Tom. Could romance be in the air? On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p107.

Emilia Clarke Marta Henry Golding Ivan Lydia Leonard Boris Isakovic Emma Thompson Policewoman Crowley Inarid Oliver Michelle Yeoh Santa Dr Addis Rebecca Root Patti LuPone Ice show director Sue Perkins Director Paul Feig (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.55am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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# BBC2

### Edward Scissorhands

5.50pm Johnny Denn and Winona Ryder star in the fantasy favourite



# 5.10pm Flog It!

At the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, Philip Serrell discovers a postcard signed by Malcolm Campbell showing him in his boat Bluebird. (R) (S) (HD)

# 5.50 Edward Scissorhands

Fantasy starring Johnny Depp. Edward is a man-made boy built by an inventor whose sudden death leaves his creation with sharp metal shears instead of hands. After he is discovered by an Avon lady, who takes him home to her family, Edward is greeted with curiosity by the outside world. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 107.

Johnny Depp Helen Winona Ryder Marge Dianne Wiest Officer Conchata Ferrell **Edward Scissorhands** Caroline Aaron Dick Anthony Williams Officer Allen Pea Boaas Esmeralda Inventor Anthony Michael Hall 0-l an Jones Joyce Monroe Kathy Baker Vincent Price Kevin Boggs Robert Oliveri Bill Boggs Director Tim Burton (1990, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Robert Oliveri Bill Boggs Alan Arkin

# 7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of

4/10. Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee test their general knowledge skills in a special Christmas series. (S) (HD)

# 8.00 Only Connect

A travel edition in which the Globetrotters take on the Eurovisionaries, three Eurovision Song Contest aficionados. Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

# 8.30 Christmas University Challenge

4/10. Captained by writer Alex Bellos, four alumni from Corpus Christi, Oxford face four graduates of the University of Edinburgh, led by politician Ruth Davidson. Next edition tomorrow 8pm. (S) (HD)

# 9.00 Detectorists

A feature-length special from last Christmas about metal-detecting enthusiasts Andy and Lance. After losing out on a big finder's fee, the Danebury Metal Detecting Club is going to need a miracle to help save its beloved scout hall. Starring Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones, with Rachael Stirling. Writer/Director Mackenzie Crook Producer Gill Isles (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.15 Raging Bull

Oscar-winning drama with Robert De Niro, based on the life of middleweight boxer Jake La Motta. 1941: under the managership of his brother Joey, boxer Jake La Motta establishes a reputation as a world championship contender with a string of brutal victories. He begins an affair with a teenager who becomes his second wife, but his obsessive jealousy sends his personal life and career into a downward spiral. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 107.

Robert De Niro Mario Mario Gallo Jake La Motta Cathy Moriarty Patsy Joe Pesci Guido Vickie La Motta Frank Adonis Joey La Motta Joseph Bono Frank Vincent Salvy Tommy Como Toppy Frank Topham "Sugar" Ray Robinson Johnny Barnes Nicholas Colasanto Theresa Saldana Lenore Director Martin Scorsese (1980, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

12.15am Do the Right Thing hottest day of the year in a racially mixed district of New York and Mookie is on his way to work. However, some members of the local black population are angry that their neighbourhood is being run by whites and "foreigners", and what starts as a series of petty disagreements soon escalates into violence. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 107.

Danny Aiello Da Mayor
Spike Lee Mother Sister
John Turturro Buggin' Out Ossie Davis Mookie Giancarlo Esposito Pino Vito Richard Edson Radio I Director Spike Lee (1989, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Radio Raheem

2.10-4.15am Sign Zone: Strictly Come Dancing: the Final **Ep 13.** The remaining couples bid to become this year's winner. **See choice**, **p50.** Shown Sat 7pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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# ITV1

The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess

9.00pm The truth behind the drama



Nicola Wheeler

Jack Downham Dominic Brunt

Patrick Mower James Moore

James Hooton

Katie Hill

# 4.00pm Tipping Point

Four contestants take turns on the supersized arcade machine. Ben Shephard hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

### 5.00 The Chase

Fee, Tom, Adie and Dean challenge one of the mighty Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

### 6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

# 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

### 7.30 Emmerdale

Dawn's contractions begin. Rhona's jaw drops when Mary arrives home. Tracy panics when it seems Nicky knows about her affair with Caleb.

Olivia Bromley Nicola King Dawn Fletcher Rhona Goskirk Mary Goskirk Zoe Henry Noah Dingle Louise Jameson Paddy Dingle Amy Walsh Rodney Blackstock Lewis Cope Ryan Stocks Tracy Metcalfe Nicky Miligan Gus Malcolms Liam Cavanagh Alan McKenna Sam Dingle Jonny McPherson Sarah Sugden Lydia Dingle Mackenzie Boyd Karen Blick Suzy Merton Martelle Edinborough Lawrence Robb Tom King James Chase Lisa Riley Vanessa Woodfield Michelle Hardwick Rebecca Sarker Victoria Sugden Mark Charnock Vinny Dinnle Isabel Hodgins Mandy Dingle Manpreet Sharma Marlon Dingle Matty Barton Ash Palmisciano Wendy Posner Natalie J Robb Will Taylor Moira Dingle Nate Robinson Jurell Carter Zak Dingle

Susan Cookson Dean Andrews Steve Halliwell Writer Jo Maris This week's episodes produced by Kate Brooks and Laura Shaw, directed by Alan Wareing and Gary Williams More cast Tuesday (S) (AD) (HD)

### 8.30 Homeless Families: Our Christmas Crisis - Tonight

Thousands of families across the UK have been forced into temporary accommodation, from hotels to bedsits and caravans, and many will be waiting months – or sometimes years – to get a permanent roof over their heads. Daniel Hewitt talks to people whose lives have been left in chaos by our creaking housing system. Director/Producer Mark Napier (S) (HD)

NOTE: as Tonight reacts to the news its subject matter may change

# 9.00 The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess

Following this week's real-life drama, this Following this weeks real in a commentary explores the disappearance of Australian fraudster Melissa Caddick, which has generated thousands of news articles and spawned countless competing theories among online sleuthing communities. The film will also examine the plight of some of Melissa's victims in this modern-day tale of deceit, with millions of dollars still unaccounted for. See page 100. Director Thomas Meadmore Executive producers Fatima Salaria and Fiona Caldwell

First shown on ITVX Signed repeat 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

# 10.25 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

# 11.10 The Royal Variety Performance

Another chance to see the annual show at the Royal Albert Hall. The bill featured a headline appearance by Cher and a musical celebration of Disney's 100th anniversary, plus songs from Hannah Waddingham with the ENO Chorus. Bradley Walsh hosts. See choice, page 50. Shown Sunday 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.25am Home Shopping (HD)

**3.00** The Real Vanishing Act: Missing Millionairess Documentary about Australian fraudster Melissa Caddick. See choice, p100. Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 4.20 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.35-6.00am Made in Britain A look at the making of luxury paint and wallpaper (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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# **Channel 4**

Late Night Lycett: It's Christmas!

10.00pm There's mischief under the mistletoe with Joe and his guests



4 7 in Wales

### 5.00pm Château DIY

At Trois Cloches, Chris and Jolyon aim to transform their hallway, but they'll need to work harder than Santa's elves to pull this off. (S) (AD) (HD)

### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The guest-house owners visit Dovestone Holiday Park in Saddleworth, Greater Manchester. (R) (S) (HD)

# 6.30 The Simpsons

**Skinner's Sense of Snow.** A huge snowstorm leaves the kids trapped in school. (R) (S) (AD)

# 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport: Weather (S) (HD)

### 8.00 Fur Babies

3/4. Cockapoo Belle is expecting puppies, and Andy, his wife Vicky and her daughter Ava are looking forward to welcoming some new additions to their household. A scan with Dr Bolu Eso shows healthy puppies, but complications soon arise. The whole series is available to stream. Series producer Joy Ash; Executive producers Mandy Thomson and Samantha Anstiss (S) (AD) (HD)

### 9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown

Jimmy Carr presents a Christmas edition full of festive surprises, as Joe Lycett and Danny Dyer do battle with Jon Richardson and Roisin Conaty. Mr Swallow, AKA comedian Nick Mohammed, joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. Series producer Jodie Krstic Executive producers Richard Cohen and Ruth Phillips (S) (HD)

# 10.00 Late Night Lycett: It's Christmas!

Joe returns to his home town of Birmingham as he celebrates the most wonderful time of the year with Mel B, Aisling Bea, Self Esteem, Guz Khan and Shaun Ryder, alongside his aunties, Linda Biscuits and Hardev from the local shop. Expect the usual mischief, but who will end up on the naughty list? There's also a surprise visit from a celebrity secret Santa, and Joe turns Father Christmas himself when he gives away a gift to an audience member. See page 101. Director/Producer Ben Sutton; Series producer Lisa Kirk (S) (HD)

# 11.05 Taskmaster

In this one-off edition from January 2023, Greg Davies directs his acerbic judgement towards Amelia Dimoldenberg, Carol Vorderman, Greg James, Sir Mo Farah and Rebecca Lucy Taylor. Series producer Andy Cartwright Series director Andy Devonshire (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.10am I, Robot** ★★★★ Sci-fi action thriller starring Will Smith and Bridget Moynahan. Chicago, 2035: Will Smith and Bridget Moynanan. Cheago, 2000 in a society that has become entirely dependent on robots, Detective Del Spooner is called upon to investigate the mysterious death of eminent scientist Dr Alfred Lanning. Available to stream for 7 days. Detective Del Spooner Will Smith Lieutenant John Bergin Chi McBride Dr Susan Calvin Bridget Moynahan Sonny Alan Tudyk Lawrence Robertson Bruce Greenwood Granny Adrian L Ricard Dr Alfred Lanning James Cromwell Baldez J Director Alex Proyas (2004, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Jerry Wasserman

**2.00 C'mon C'mon** \*\*\* Comedy drama starring Joaquin Phoenix. Radio producer Johnny is asked Joaquin Phoenix. Radio producer Johning is asked to look after his precocious nine-year-old nephew Jesse for a few days. Though the two initially get on the standard when their time tragether is well, they begin to clash when their time together is prolonged. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Mike Mills (2021, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.50 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Catching up with an Edinburgh couple who sought the property gurus' help back in 2020. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.45 Waitrose at Christmas** The supermarket begins to prepare for the festive season. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.40–6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas**Kirstie Allsopp gathers the best floral artists. (R) (S) (HD)

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# BBC4

9 24 in Scotland The Good Life

8.30pm Tom and Barbara share their home-made Christmas with the Leadbetters



## 7.00pm Top of the Pops: Christmas 1984

This Christmas Day edition features Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Howard Jones, Duran Duran, Nik Kershaw, Culture Club, Wham!, Paul Young, George Michael and Band Aid. Producer Michael Hurll (R) (S)

# **8.00 Sykes**

Series 4. Christmas Party. Vintage comedy from 1975, starring Hattie Jacques and Eric Sykes. Eric and Hattie decide to spend Christmas Day with Corky and his dysfunctional family. Writer Eric Sykes; Director/Producer Roger Race (R) (S)

# 8.30 The Good Life

Series 4. Silly, But It's Fun The festive episode from 1977,

starring Felicity Kendal, Richard Briers, Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington. Tom and Barbara's self-sufficient Christmas is expanded to include Margo and Jerry, whose store-bought vuletide has failed to materialise after a hiccup with the delivery. See p100. Writers John Esmonde and Bob Larbey Director/Producer John Howard Davies (R) (S)

### 9.00 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★

Comedy drama. A group of British pensioners try to make the pennies go further by spending their retirement at what they believe to be a luxury hotel in Jaipur. But the establishment proves to be something quite different. On iPlayer for 26 days. Review p57.

Evelyn Doudlas Bill Nighy Maggie Smith Tom Wilkinson Muriel Graham Sonny Dev Patel .lean Penelone Wilton Norman Madge Celia Imrie Head nurse Karen Grandchild Ramona Marquez Director John Madden (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Saturday 7:10pm BBC2

## 10.55 The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★

Comedy drama sequel. As the pensioners live out their golden years in India, irrepressible owner Sonny is worried that one of the new arrivals is an undercover hotel inspector. On iPlayer for 25 days. Review p67. Evelyn Greenslade

Maggie Smith Bill Nighy Richard Gere Muriel Donnelly Douglas Ainslie Madge Hardcastle Celia Imrie Jean Ainslie Norman Cousins Ronald Pickup Sonny Kapoor Dev Patel Tena Desae

Director John Madden (2015, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Sunday 5.25pm BBC2

12.50-3.55am Elizabeth R 4/6. Horrible Conspiracies. The monarch's position is increasingly threatened by Mary, Queen of Scots and her loyal supporters. (R) (S) (HD) **2.20** 5/6. The Enterprise of England
King Philip prepares to launch the Armada
to avenge Mary's execution. Continues tomorrow at 2.20am. Cast Wed/Fri (R) (S) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

# BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

11.15am Bargain Hunt 12 noon-1.00pm First Minister's Questions **10.40** River City **11.10** Motherland **11.45** FILM: Last Christmas 1.25am Weather for the Week Ahead 1.30-6.00 BBC News

# **BBC SCOTLAND**

**7.00pm** The Hairy Bikers Go Local 8.00 Scotland's People 9.00 The Nine 10.00 Best of Scot Squad: highlights 10.30 Raiders of the Lost Archive 11.00 The Edit 11.30-12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

## **STV**

1.25-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport 4.20–5.35 Night Vision: news and sport

# **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

11.10pm Representing Border: political news 11.40 Inside M&S **12.30am** Border Life **1.00–1.25** The Way We Were: archive clips

## **BBC1 WALES**

10.40pm Luke Evans: Showtime! 11.40 Motherland 12.15am FILM: Last Christmas 1.50–6.00 BBC News

# **BBC2 WALES**

**5.10pm** Planet Earth: a Lion's Tale **5.15** Planet Earth: a Monkey's Tale 5.20 FILM: Edward Scissorhands 7.00-7.30 Gareth Edwards's Great Welsh Adventure

# BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN** IRELAND

10.40pm Made Up in Belfast: Brendan throws a party for staff 11.20 Motherland 11.55 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.45am Survivor 1.45-6.00 BBC News

# BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.15pm The Crime I Can't Forget: how Irish police foiled a plot to kill the Queen 11.05 Upstart Crow: a Crow Christmas Carol Mock the Week

# UTV

8.30-9.00pm Homemade Heroes: the life of motorcyclist Jonathan Rea **11.10** Homeless Families: Our Christmas Crisis – Tonight **11.40** Eamonn Mallie: Face to Face with... **12.30am** Rare Breed: a Farming Year 1.00-1.25am Hidden Northern Ireland

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# THURSDAY Freeview

# **Channel 5**

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**All Creatures Great and Small** 9.00pm James's loyalties are divided

5.40am Milkshake! See page 106 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.15pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) **1.15 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.20 Mrs Miracle ★★ Romantic drama starring Doris Roberts. A nanny comes to the aid of a widower who has been struggling to organise Christmas. Director Michael M Scott (2009) (S) (W) (HD)

3.10 Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan ★★ Romantic fantasy starring Doris Roberts. A magical woman brings some Christmas spirit to the staff of a struggling department store. Director Michael Scott (2010) (S) (W) (HD)

5.05pm The Secret Garden ★★★★

Period drama starring Kate Maberly. Mary goes to live in her uncle's Gothic manor house, where she finds an abandoned walled garden. Review p107. Director Agnieszka Holland (1993, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

James Richardson and Laurence Shahlaei present action from the second event of the Giants Live series, held at First Direct Arena in Leeds. Directors James Rowat and Colin Bryce (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 All Creatures Great and Small: Yorkshire Vet Special

Peter Wright and Shona Searson from The Yorkshire Vet take a behind-the-scenes peek at the All Creatures Great and Small Christmas special, which follows. See page 100. Directors Jacob Hesmondhalgh and Adam Caldow (S) (HD)

9.00 All Creatures Great and Small

An emotional phone call with Helen makes James determined to get back to her. But he doesn't have many travel options, and RAF mascot Georgie needs his help. Meanwhile, Mrs Hall prepares a community Christmas celebration in Darrowby. See page 100. Nicholas Ralph Samuel West James Herriot Siegfried Farnon Helen Herriot Rachel Shenton Richard Carmody James Anthony-Rose Mrs Audrey Hall Anna Madeley Patricia Hodge Mrs Pumphrey Writer Jamie Crichton; Director Andy Hay (S) (HD)

See feature: page 18

10.10 The Holiday ★★

Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. Los Angeles work addict Amanda needs a holiday. An online search persuades her to exchange her California home over Christmas for a remote Surrey cottage. Review p107. Director Nancy Meyers (2006, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.45am Criminals: Caught on Camera (R) (S) (HD) **1.15** Casino (S) (HD) **3.15** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.25** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S) (HD) **4.15** Never Teach Your Wife to Drive (R) (S) (HD) **5.05** Friends (R) (S) (HD) **5.30**-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

BBC3



1917 9.00pm Lance Corporal Schofield has a message to deliver

7.00pm Baking All the Way \*\* Festive romance starring Cory Lee. While trying to finish compiling her upcoming Christmas cookbook, a famous pastry chef butts heads with a small-town baker. Available on iPlayer for 10 days. Director Yannick Bisson (2022) Shown Wednesday 6.35am BBC2 (S) (W) (HD) Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

3/8 Series 2. Stacey is already bored of being an Essex wife. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 1917 \*\*\*\*

First World War drama starring George MacKay. Two young British corporals are tasked with delivering an urgent warning about an enemy ambush to a battalion further along the Western Front. On iPlayer for 27 days. **Review page 77.** Director Sam Mendes (2019, 15) Shown Monday 10.30pm BBC2 (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 Fleabag

5/6 Series 2. Claire is in crisis and turns to Fleabag for some help. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.15 6/6.** As the day of the wedding arrives. Jake wants to know where Claire is. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Starstruck

**5/6** Series 3. Tom reveals a secret he's been keeping from Clem. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am Kate is in labour while lan has a meltdown. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.35 | Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) 1.20 Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne (S) (HD) **2.05** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **3.05** Fleabag (S) (AD) (HD) 3.30-4.00am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show Christmas Special (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05 FILM** Flushed Away ★★★ (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **5.00** Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase With Perri Kiely, Anne Hegerty and Rob Brydon. osted by Stephen Mulhern. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** The family of Rachel Riley and Pasha Kovalev takes on Chris Kamara and his clan. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 9. Louise, Gene and Tina get into a turf war. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Series 10. Linda works a temp job at the post office to make extra money. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Desperately **Seeking Santa** Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix head to Lapland. (S) (AD) (HD) 10.20 Family Guy Series 15. Peter fills in for a mall Santa but soon gets drunk on power. **10.50** Series 18. The Griffins are stuck in a hotel room during a massive storm **11.20** Peter becomes the coach of Quahog's minor league baseball team. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.50 American Dad!** Series 9. Stan's plans to change Steve's attitude go awry. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.20am** *Series 14*. Klaus decides to leave the Smith family following too many insults. 12.45am The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 1.25 Celebrity Karaoke Club: with Roman Kemp (S) (HD) 2.25 Iain Stirling's CelebAbility (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD)

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ITV3



Vera 8.00pm DCI Stanhope goes back to a place she once knew

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** George & Mildred (S) **9.10** Wycliffe: Series 4. To Sup with the Devil. A pub landlord is beaten to death Repeated 3am; **10.20** Old Crimes, New Times. The detective falls foul of the press Repeated 3.55am (S) (HD) **11.30** Agatha Christie's Poirot: *Dead Man's Mirror.* An unpopular art dealer is murdered (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.35pm** Heartbeat: *14/15.* Nick goes under cover as a DJ (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Scott is freed by the police, then Diane admits that she is terrified of her impending chemotherapy (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Tracy feels she has little option but to give her baby to the Croppers, then Liz and Andy arrive for the wedding (S) (AD) **3.45**Midsomer Murders: Series 9. Four Funerals and a Wedding. A battle of the sexes results in two deaths Repeated 12.05am (S) (AD)

5.45pm Downton Abbey

7/9 Series 2. Bates is reeling from the news about Vera, and Thomas embarks on a new money-making scheme. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

15/15 Series 5. A kidnapping case takes an unexpected turn, placing the village in danger. Meanwhile, Blaketon becomes president of the local rugby club. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

3/4 Series 1. The Crow Trap. A woman is murdered in the remote Northumberland countryside, which leads Stanhope back to a place from her past where injustices and shadowy liaisons emerge. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Van der Valk

3/3. Payback in Amsterdam, Classical musician and former child prodigy Fleur Mas is the victim of an acid attack and subsequently dies of her injuries. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05am** Midsomer Murders Shown 3.45pm (S) (AD) **2.00** Holding: **4/4.** When PJ uncovers the truth about the body, Duneen is changed for ever (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Wycliffe Shown 9.10/10.20am (S) (SL) (HD) **4.50** Never the Twain (S) **5.45-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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**6.00am** Hot Shots (S) (HD) **6.05** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) **8.15** The Champions (S) **9.20** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.30** Magnum, Pl: Thomas searches for a boy's father (S) (HD) **11.30** BattleBots (S) (HD) 12.35pm The Champions (S) 1.40 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.45** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.50** The Sweeney (S) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD) 6.00pm BattleBots Eight robots hope to prove they belong in the top 16. (S) (HD)
7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas **Special** With Kate Thornton, James Argent, Lucy Porter and Nik Speakman. (S) (HD) 8.00 Junk and Disorderly Henry Cole and Sam Lovegrove head to an automotive show to look at classic bikes and cars. (S) (HD) **9.00 FILM Van Helsing** \*\*\* Action fantasy horror starring Hugh Jackman as

monster-slayer Van Helsing, who's sent to 19th-century Transylvania to aid Gypsy princess Anna Valerious in her long-running battle against Count Dracula, (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.35 FILM Scarface \*\*\* Gangste drama starring Al Pacino. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**2.45am** Driving Force (S) (HD) **4.40** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **5.35–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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**Drama** 

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Father Brown 8.00pm Inspector Mallory isn't happy with the priest

**7.10am** New Tricks Rptd 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Jude fails to turn up for work, then a visitor leaves Marc in a state of shock **9.20** Classic Holby City: Zosia backs a patient's complaint against Guy Rptd 3am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: an animal rights activist refuses treatment (S) **11.40** The Bill: a new recruit antagonises Lance (S)

12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Mickey's family make an instant impression, then Pauline bays for blood **2.00** Call the Midwife: 4/8 Series 10. Four new pupil midwives arrive at Nonnatus House (S) (AD) (HD) **3.25** Last of the Summer Wine: Series 8. Merry Christmas Father Christmas. Seymour tries to put the sparkle back into Christmas; **4.10** Series 11. What's Santa Brought for Nora Then? Compo wonders what to get Nora for Christmas; **5.20** Series 12. Barry's Christmas. Barry gets locked in the pub; **6.00** Series 13 Situations Vacant. Foggy is convinced Compo's trousers are out of control (S)

6.40pm Last of the Summer Wine Series 14. **Stop That Castle!** The trio are put in charge of the annual gala parade. (S) 7.20 Series 15. Welcome to Earth. Foggy, Norman and Compo meet a man waiting for visitors from outer space. (S)

8.00 Father Brown

13/15 Series 5. The Tanganyika Green The sleuth investigates the murder of a Colonial Postal Service officer. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 14/15. The Fire in the Sky. Kembleford comes under threat from aliens. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

3/8 Series 4. Ducking and Diving. An armoured security vehicle found in a lake is linked to a 17-year-old murder case. Shown 7.10am (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

**15/15** Series 5. **The Penitent Man.** Flambeau is incarcerated following a murder. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am New Tricks: 4/8 Series 4 Nine Lives. A family feud erupts (S) (AD) **1.45** The Paradise: **1/8** Series 2. Moray and

Denise are reunited (HD) **3.00–4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

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ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) 1.00pm The Big Bake: four episodes (S) (HD) **5.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM The Holiday Proposal Plan ★★ Festive romantic comedy starring Tatyana Ali and Jesse Kove. Ex-partners Sonny and Kip team up to help their friends get engaged and, in the process, start to rekindle their own romance. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Celebrity Christmas Dinner Date Hugo Taylor chooses from festive menus put together by five potential blind dates. (S) (HD) 9.00 Botched Surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif salute service members who have fallen victim to surgical mishaps. (S) (HD) **10.00 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk hosts the Australian reality show. (S) (HD) **11.15 Botched** A young man who has a cauliflower-looking keloid on his ear hopes

Dr Paul Nassif has a solution. (S) (HD) 12.10am The Cabins (S) (HD) 1.10 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 3.35 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 4.20 Unwind (S) (HD) 4.30–6.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta: double bill (S) (HD)

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# THURSDAY **21 DECEMBER**

# More4



**Air Fryers: Are They Worth It?** 9.00pm Denise Van Outen investigates

**8.55am** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? 11.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed 5.50 The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm Escape to the Château at Christmas** Dick Strawbridge is preparing for Christmas while his wife Angel has been busy decorating the Christmas tree as well as creating hampers for friends and family. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** In Lincolnshire, Kevin McCloud meets Nathan and Amye, who have decided to build a cathedral-like home modelled on the area's Dutch barn-style houses. (AD)

9.00 Air Fryers: Are They Worth It? Denise Van Outen reveals whether air fryers do save time and money, and finds out if it is healthier than other ways of cooking. (AD)

10.00 The Floods That Foiled New Year: **Caught on Camera** Looking back at the flooding that caused misery for thousands of homeowners across the country throughout the winter of 2013 to 2014. (AD) **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** Paul, 66, arrives at St George's Hospital with a dangerously high heart rate and when medication fails to lower his pulse, the medical team has to turn to more drastic treatment. (AD) 12.10am Air Fryers: Are They Worth It? (AD) 1.15 The Floods That Foiled New Year: Caught on Camera (AD) 2.20 24 Hours in A&E (AD)

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3.25-3.55am A Place in the Sun

## **E4**

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Monday/Tuesday 7pm (AD) 7.00 How I Met Your Mother (AD) 8.00 Baby Daddy 9.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 6.30 12/24. Penny's big break is dashed. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks Rafe's past comes back to haunt him, and Dilly is blackmailed. (AD) 7.30 Young Sheldon 15/22 Series 5. Georgie continues to lie about his age. (AD) 8.00 Modern Family 4/24 Series 2 Claire and Mitchell agree to be brutally honest. 8.30 5/24. Claire and Phil grow tired of the family's obsession with electronic gadgets. 9.00 New. Made in Chelsea: Sydney Ruby is left wondering what to do about JJ. 10.00 Gogglebox Opinions on TV. (AD) 11.05 First Dates at Christmas Singletons celebrate love in a festive location. (AD) 12.10am Naked Attraction (AD) 1.15 Rick and Morty (AD) 1.45 New. My Adventures with Superman 2.15 Married at First Sight Australia 3.30 Made in Chelsea: Sydney (SL) 4.20 How! Met Your Mother (AD) 4.45 –6.00am Baby Daddy E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106

# +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144 Rea [[V]

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (Ap) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 New series. The Murder of Gabby Petitic What Really Happened 10.00 Aileen Wuornos: Mind of a Monster 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 as 4pm 5.00-6.00am as 8am Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

# Sky Arts

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**Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions** 8.00pm British actor Adeel Akhtar

6.00am Giselle 8.00 The Joy of Painting 9.00 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.05 Discovering: Paul Newman: the life and career of the actor (AD) 12.05pm A Swingin' Christmas with Len Phillips Swing Orchestra 1.30 Cirque du Soleil: Lzia 3.15 Cirque du Soleil: Zaia 4.20 FILM The Woman in Green ★★★ Murder mystery starring Basil Rathbone (BW) (W) 5.40pm The Wind in the Willows Musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's children's classic, with Ratty, Badger, Mole and Toad embarking on a series of riotous adventures. 8.00 EW CHOICE New. Dickens:

Phantoms and Fictions David Harewood explores Charles Dickens's supernatural tales, delving into his eerie and atmospheric worlds through actor readings. See page 100.

9.00 A Christmas Carol An adaptation of Charles Dickens's ghost story about a cruel miser taught the error of his ways when spirits visit him on Christmas Eve.

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10.15 David Hockney: a Celebration
A profile of the Yorkshire-born artist,
featuring interviews with him in London and
Normandy, and footage of him at work.
11.45 Jeff Beck: Still on the Run The life
history of the musical maverick, featuring
interviews with Beck as well as his peers.
1.45am The Jam: Live at Rockpalast 3.15 New.
Barclay James Harvest: Berlin – a Concert for the
People 4.35 James Taylor: Music Icons
5.00-6.00am The Art of Architecture
Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland)
Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

# 4seven

**9.00am** Come Dine with Me: from Oxford **11.30** Amazing Spaces Winter Wonderland (AD)

12.30pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.30** Château DIY at Christmas **2.30** Come Dine with Me: dinners in the West Midlands 5.00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts (AD) 6.00pm A Place in the Sun The hunt for a perfect holiday home in Tomar, Portugal. **7.00 Aldi's Christmas Secrets** The Aldi team is preparing for 2023 to be their biggest Christmas yet. Shown Monday 9pm C4 (AD) 8.00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts 2/2 Jamie Oliver celebrates leftovers as he shares quick and easy recipes to fill the gap between Christmas and New Year. See choice. page 71. Shown Monday 8pm Channel 4 (AD) 9.00 24 Hours in A&E Mark, 32, is brought to resus with a head injury after suffering an epileptic seizure and is sent for an urgent CT scan to assess the damage to his brain. (AD) 10.00 FILM Men in Black \*\*\* Sci-fi comedy starring Tommy Lee Jones. Review page 67. Shown Sunday 5.40pm Channel 4 (AD)12 midnight Celebrity Gogglebox: television

appraisals (AD) **1.05am** Gogglebox (AD) **2.35** Taskmaster's New Year Treat (AD) **3.35** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown **4.30–5.00am** The Snowman and the Snowdog (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

# Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 New. Shed and Buried: Best Bits 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Outback Car Hunters 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Saved and Remade Workshop 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 10.00 Shed and Buriec': double bill 11.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Outback Car Hunters 4.00-5.00am How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

# **Yesterday**



Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics 9.00pm A 1992 Vauxhall Nova

**6.10am** Underground Worlds: double bill (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers

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Journeys Michael Portillo ventures east through Romania to the shores of the Black Sea. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow A second visit to Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent. 8.00 Bangers and Cash A near-perfect 50s Chevy panel van and a Capri tempt auctioneer Derek out of Yorkshire. 9.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics

**9.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics**The team takes on the restoration of a 1992
Vauxhall Nova Merit Plus. (AD)

10.00 Bangers and Cash Derek auctions off vehicles from the TV show Heartbeat, there's love for an Austin Cambridge and a sporty Italian number finds a new home.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring Old Byron Hot Springs in the Californian desert – a once glittering Hollywood hotspot. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00-3.00am Underground Worlds (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

### Dave



7.10am Mega Air 8.00 Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) 9.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 10.00 Outback Pilots 11.00 Rick Stein's India (AD) 12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm Top Gear (AD) 5.00 Soapbox Race 6.00pm Rick Stein's India The chef enjoys Parsee hospitality in Mumbai and learns about their contribution to Indian cuisine. (AD) 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons take part. 7.40 With YolanDa Brown, the Rev Kate Bottley, Joel Dommett and John Thomson. 8.20 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas With Richard Osman, Tom Courtenay, Sara Pascoe and Chris Kamara. 9.00 QI XL An extended edition.

perfect for Lucy's panto.

11.20 Mock the Week End of Year Special
A look back at the year with an array of guests.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am as 8.20pm
1.20 Richard Osman's House of Games
2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 2.504.00am Have I Got a Bit More News for You

he families try to create the perfect Christmas.

10.40 More celebrities turn up, which is

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

# Sky Mix

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**7.00am** Highway Cops **9.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **11.00** 999 Frontline: four editions **1.00pm** Nothing to Declare UK: double bill **2.00** Caught Red Handed: triple bill **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise: Earth enlists the crew's help to investigate two renegade cyborgs **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: the crew encounters an alien race in an unknown region of space **8.00** Caught on Dashcam: a countdown of the most incredible real-life crashes in the world 9.00 Caught on Dashcam: double bill. Dramatic traffic incidents 11.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers: the doubleieopardy conviction of murderer Billy Dunlop 12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers 1.00am The Force: North East 2.00 Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

# 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment
News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 11.55 Entertainment
News 12 noon Law & Order 2.55pm
Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order
4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order
6.00pm NCIS Series 15. Triple bill. McGee
investigates the murder of a petty officer
7.00 Gibbs investigates a miscarriage of
justice 8.00 A voice leads a jogger to the
scene of a murder (AD) 9.00 Jesse Stone: No
Remorse 10.00 Entertainment News 10.05
Jesse Stone: No Remorse 10.50 Law & Order:
Special Victims Unit Series 11. Four episodes
2.40am Criminal Minds 3.35-4.00am
999: Criminals Caught on Camera

**5 USA F'view** 21 **F'sat** 129 **Sky** 141 **Virgin** 120 (162 Scot) **+1 Freesat** 130 **Sky** 241 **Virgin** 320

# 5 Star



**8.00am** Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD)

5.10pm FILM The Truth About Christmas
★★ Romantic comedy starring Kali Hawk.
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Patients
seeking help include an ex-prisoner who
has fallen back into drug addiction.
8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts
Doctors treat a two-year-old girl with
dangerously low blood-sugar levels.

9.00 Ambulance: Code Red Emergency service crews respond to a car accident. (AD) 10.00 A&E after Dark An ambulance rushes an elderly patient into resus after a fall down a flight of stairs in the middle of the night. 11.00 999: Emergency Call Out A devastating car crash leads to a hunt for the driver and two passengers. Elsewhere, a page suffer forstweeped brain devage.

A devastating car crash leads to a hunt for the driver and two passengers. Elsewhere, a man suffers fractures and brain damage. 12 midnight Skin A&E: removing a facial cyst (AD) 1,00am Making a Serial Killer 2.00 Revenge 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

# 5 Action

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**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.15 New.** Trucking Hell **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.15** Police Interceptors

12.20pm FILM Sugarfoot ★★ Western 2.00 FILM Ride the High Country ★★★★ Western starring Randolph Scott. Review p107 4.00 Trucking Hell 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 6.00pm Police Interceptors A father sets tisked off for Apagerous driving.

gets ticked off for dangerous driving.

7.00 Jon Moon and his dog Kanto are hot on the heels of some burglary suspects.

8.00 Handler Jon Peacock takes his new sniffer dog Jack to carry out a drugs warrant.

9.00 FILM Lethal Weapon 3 \*\*\* Action comedy thriller starring Mel Gibson. Detective Roger Murtaugh is demoted after an attempt to defuse a bomb results in a destruction.

11.25 FILM Exit Wounds \*\* Action drama starring Steven Seagal. Detroit detective Orin Boyd saves the US vice-president from assassination and is reprimanded for meddling in secret service matters.

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1.35am Wrestling: action with the superstars of WWE 2.40-3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

# 5 Select

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9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 FILM Christmas on Alpaca Farm ★★ Romance starring Kirsten Comerford and Matt Wells 11.00 FILM A Fairytale Christmas ★★ Romance starring Haylie Duff 12.50pm All Creatures Great and Small (AD)

6.55pm All Creatures Great and Small
Christmas special from 2022. It's Christmas in
Darrowby and everyone is trying to make the
most of things while the world is at war. (AD)

8.00 Tommy Cooper: 30 Funniest Moments The most memorable sketches and routines from the comedian's career. 10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas

10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Adverts Julian Clary revisits memorable festive-themed advertisements. 12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H: double bill 2.10-3.00am Forged in Fire: the Wheel of Forging decides four smiths' fates

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf





# THURSDAY Freeview & films



**24 Hours in A&E** 9.00pm Harriet needs treatment

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Transforming a Las Vegas home to provide a warm, welcoming ambiance. (AD)

7.00 New. MasterChef Junior USA Specials The hopefuls are tasked with preparing seasonal dishes for a range of festivals.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at **Christmas** On New Year's Eve, Gaz and Liam help a man who has been hit in the head by a firework.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A girl has been knocked off her bike. 10.00 A builder falls from a great height on a construction site.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad The team joins a search for a missing aeroplane pilot and passenger. 12 midnight-3.00am One Born

Every Minute: three editions W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

# **HGTV**

7.00am The Weekend Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Weekend Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 Best in Miniature **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing 8.00 New. Martha Knows Best: Martha reflects on the year with Lauren Conrad, Post Malone and Khaled **8.30** Flip or Flop Vegas **9.00 New.** Christina on the Coast (AD) **10.00 New.** Selling the Hamptons **12 midnight** Your Garden Made Perfect 1.00am The Weekend Workshop 2.00

Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home: double bill HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

# +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

**London Live** 

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Snow White 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 Revolution in Colour 11.00 Magic Moments: the Spell of Nature

12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm Big City Life **1.00 FILM** The Slipper and the Rose \*\* **3.50 FILM** Runaway Railway ★★★ 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **5.45** London Districts **6.00** London Live News 7.00 Carols for Christmas 8.00 A Bit of a Do 9.15 The Comic Strip Presents... 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 Boycie in Belgrade 12.50am Care 2.45 London Districts 3.00 Carluccio's Six Seasons **3.30** News Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points

ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

# Food Network 43



**James Martin: Home Comforts** at Christmas 10.00pm

6.00am Cooking Christmas with Matt and Lisa **7.00** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown **8.00** Ainsley's Festive Flavours **9.00** Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) **10.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **11.00** Jamie's Family Christmas **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Delicious Miss Brown **1.00** Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) 2.00 Ainsley's Festive Flavours **3.00** Jamie's Family Christmas **4.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 5.00 The Pioneer Woman 5.30 Delicious Miss Brown 6.00 Ainsley's Festive Flavours **7.00** Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) **8.00** Jamie's Family Christmas **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 10.00 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas: healthy recipes to help overcome festive overindulgence (AD) 11.00 New, Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown: creating showpieces associated creating snowpieces associated with The 12 Days of Christmas

12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown 1.00am James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD)

2.00–3.00am Christmas: Santa's Modelschaw with quest hides, Sartia's Santa's Workshop: with guest judge Jackie Sorkin Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

# **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Honkirk (Deceased): a private investigator dies in a car crash, but appears as a ghost to his partner 10.00 The Persuaders! **11.00** Return of the Saint: two women plan to murder their husbands 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News **Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

# True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 1.00pm A Stranger in My Home 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: double bill. Former Detective Chief Inspector Clive Driscoll talks about the death of Suriit Athwal, then Donal hears how members of the Taufiq family died in an arson attack 7.00 Judge Judy 1.00am Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 3.00 A Stranger in My Home 4.55-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

# **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

BBC Parliament 232 **8.40am** Select Committees **10.00** Liaison Committee with Rishi Sunak **11.40** Live Scottish Parliament – General Questions 12 noon Live Scottish FMQ 12.45pm Live Scottish Parliament: 4.00 Scottish Parliament Select Committee 6.00
Scottish Parliament 9.10 Scottish
Parliament – General Questions 9.30
Scottish FMQ 10.15 Scottish Parliament 1.30am Scottish Parliament Select Committee 3.30-6.40am As 6pm **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** 

Sky 504 Virgin 605

# PBS America 84



Saving Egypt's Temples 7.20pm A lake-building project

6.00am Nazca Desert Mystery **6.55** Your Brain **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** as 6.20pm **9.35** as 7.20pm **10.40** Edwardian Britain in Colour **11.45** as 9.35pm **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.55** as 6.20pr **2.55** as 7.20pm **4.05** Edwardian Britain in Colour **5.10** as 9.35pm

6.20pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 5/6. Political turmoil in Norway leads the Vikings to journey west.

7.20 Saving Egypt's Temples A 1945 battle to save ancient temples.

8.35 Edwardian Britain in Colour 2/2. Footage of people celebrating the arrival of a new tram in Wigan.

9.35 Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto
The discovery of a US submarine at the bottom of the Gulf of Thailand.

10.50 Saving Egypt's Temples As 7.20pm.

12 midnight Edwardian Britain in Colour **1.05am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** as 6.20pm **2.30** as 9.35pm **3.30** Nazca Desert Mystery **4.30–6.00am** Your Brain

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Monsterguest 1.50pm Elusive: Bigfoot in Britain 4.10 Big Cat Britain Declassified 6.00pm Close Encounters: double bill. Strange lights occur near a US Air Force base on England's east coast, then sightings of an orange football-shaped object **7.00** UFOs Declassified: an investigation into the Roswell incident in 1947 **8.00**Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: UFO activity in central Scotland **9.00**Roswell 75: the Final Evidence: the alleged crash of an extraterrestrial craft in 1947 **11.00** Top Secret UFO Projects Declassified: exploring the Petrozavodsk incident of 1977 12 midnight Close Encounters Down Under 1.00am Close Encounters 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost ters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Skv 164 Virgin 174

# Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in 12 noon Play Your Cards Right (AD)
3.00pm Cash in the Attic 4.00
Bargain Hunt 5.00 Bullseye **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quiz 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: darts great Eric Bristow, actress Sammy Winward, former MP Nadine Dorries and comic Ed Byrne must work together to outwit one of the resident experts. Bradley Walsh presents **9.00** The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? a classic episode of the awardwinning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseve 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00-6.00am The Crystal Maze

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

# CHILDREN'S FILMS

# Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Fantastic Foxes 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Od 6.40 Tweedy & Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.50 The Adventures of Paddington 8.05 New. Animal Care Club 8.20 New. Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chip and Potato 8.55 Peppa Pig 9.05–9.15am Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on 10.04 Full listings for Channel 5 are on p104

### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.55 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Go Jetters **8.40** Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50** Nick Cope's Popcast **9.00** Bing **9.05** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Dipdap **9.25** Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Soon 12.40 Aquatic Adventures 1.00
Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10
Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25
Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45
Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus Something Special **2.00** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Dipdap **2.25** Supertato **2.30** Go Jetters **2.45** Maddie's Do You Know? **3.00** Safari Adventures **3.13** Our Family **3.15** New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.40** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** The Game Catchers **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Go Jetters **4.55** Topsy and Tim's Christmas Eve **5.10** Charlie and Lola **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm New.** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzy 7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.10 Odd Squad 8.20 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.35 Hey You What If? 8.40 Operation Ouchl 9.10 Deadly 6.0 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Secret Life of Boys 10.25 Sketchy Comedy 10.30 Horrible Histories 11.00 Bitesize Daily; 9-10 Year Olds 11.20 Seriously Raleigh 11.25 Super Mood Movers 11.30 Our Boarding School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Hetty Feather 2.50 Nikki Lilly Bakes 2.55 The Zoo 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.15 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 How to Train Your Dragon Homecoming 5.05 Total Dramarama 5.25 Shaun the Shep 5.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 6.05 One Zoo Three 6.30 Secret Life of Boys 6.355-7.00pm The Next Step 6.05 One Zoo Three 6.30 Secret Life of Boys 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 70

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

## ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

## ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean 7.45-9.00am Scooby-Doo

## **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 Teletub

# Film4

11.00am Oliver! ★★★★ Mark Lester leads this fantastic musical based on Lionel Bart's triumphant stage production of the Dickens Classic. Ron Moody, Oliver Reed (1968, U) (S)

1.55pm The Mask of Zorro ★★★★ Splendid swashbuckling adventure in which the ageing Zorro (played by Anthony Hopkins) trains a young protégé (Ántonio Banderas). Stuart Wilson (1998, PG) (S) 4.35 Congo ★ Misfiring jungle adventure based on the Michael Crichton novel. Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney, Ernie Hudson (1995, 12) (S) (AD)

6.40pm A Good Year ★★★ Russell Crowe gives a delightfully good-natured performance in this tale of a city trader who

inherits a vineyard in Provence. Albert Finney, Marion Cotillard (2006, 12) (S) 9.00 12 Strong ★★ Jam-

packed blockbuster with Chris Hemsworth as a US Special Forces soldier sent into Taliban territory. Michael Shannon (2018, 15) (S)

11.35 Commando ★★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger makes for a spectacularly destructive hero in this no-frills action adventure, playing an ex-soldier blackmailed back into action. (1985, 18) (S) (AD)

1.25-3.50am Carol \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Sumptuous, emotionally intense, powerfully played romantic drama fuelled by the thrill and danger of forbidden love. Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, Sarah Paulson (2015, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

# Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am The Larkins TV sitcom. (S)
6.40 Undercover Girl ★★ Familiar crime drama. Paul Carpenter (1957, PG) (S)

8.00 The Rogues TV crime drama.

9.00 Law of the Plainsman TV western, (S) 9.30 The Frightened Man ★★ Dermot Walsh stars as a iunk dealer's son drawn into a life of crime. Barbara Murray (1952) (\$) **10.55 Men in War** ★★★ An intelligent script and in-your-face direction elevate this account of a US infantry platoon fighting in Korea. Robert Ryan (1957, PG) (S) **1.00pm The Terror** ★★ Mystery thriller with flat direction and an under-enthused cast. Wilfrid Lawson (1938 PG) (S) 2.30 Crown Court TV drama. (S) **3.10 Cheer Boys Cheer** ★★★ Pleasant British comedy

about a pair of warring breweries. Nova Pilbeam (1939, U) (S) 5.05 Beyond **Christmas** ★★★ Three gentlemen attempt to bring a couple together from beyond the grave in this romantic fantasy. Harry Carey (1940, U)

6.40pm Man from Tangier ★★ A stuntman is framed for murder in this barely acceptable B-movie forgery caper, Robert Hutton (1957, PG) (S) 8.00 Danger UXB TV war series.

9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey British TV courtroom drama 10.05 MR James: The Stalls of Barchester TV period drama. (S) 11.00 Mademoiselle \*\*\*

Compulsive tale of a woman who frames the man she loves for various crimes. Jeanne Moreau (1966, 15) (S)

1.05am Mods and Rockers Short film. 1.35 The Driving Force in 1966 TV documentary. 2.00 The Main Chance TV drama. 3.00 Talking Pictures with Margi Clarke 3.30 Blonde Fist ★ Weak comedy drama. Margi Clarke (1991, 15) (S) 6.00am Christmas Is a Legal Holiday TV drama.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445



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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am Charming Christmas

★★ Routine romance. Julie Benz (2015)

11.00 A Royal Christmas Ball

★★ Cinderella story with a twist. (2017)

1.00pm Cupid ★★ Warm-hearted
comedy. (2012) 2.50 The Perfect
Catch ★★ Sweet small-town
romance. Nikki Deloach (2017) 4.45 The
Nurse ★★ Camp thriller. Willa Ford (2014)

6.40pm The Net ★★ Lonely
computer hacker Sandra Bullock

uncovers a criminal conspiracy in this watchable cyber-thriller. (1995, 12) **9.00 The Expendables 2** ★★★ Old action stars deliver nonstop

mayhem in this entertaining sequel. Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham (2012, 15)

11.15 I Am Wrath \*\* Explosive but predictable revenge thriller with John Travolta as an ex-special agent

John Travolta as an ex-special agent on the trail of his wife's killer. 2016, 15)

1.20am A Most Violent Year

\*\*\*\* Gripping crime thriller in which a man's future hangs on a business deal. Oscar Isaac (2014, 15) 4.00-

5.40am Stalked by My Mother

★★ A woman suspects her mother of
murder in this mystery thriller. (2016)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30
The Man from Colorado ★★★
Insightful psychological western. Glenn
Ford (1948, P6) 10.35 Suicide Mission
★★ Realistic war drama based
on a true story.LeifLarsen (1954, U)
12 noon Wild West Chronicles
1.00pm Ride Lonesome ★★★
Brilliantly scripted western about a
bounty hunter chasing a killer. Randolph
Scott (1959, 12) 2.35 Man in the Saddle
★★★ A ction-packed Randolph
Scott western that sees the star
involved in a love triangle. (1951, P6)
4.20 Wild West Chronicles 5.00
Bitter Victory ★★★ Nicholas Ray's
taut and fraught war drama. Review

p77. Richard Burton, Curt Jurgens (1957, PG)
7.05pm Meteor Moon ★ Plodding
sci-fi mockbuster. Dominique Swain (2020)
9.00 Extraction ★★ Hastily
assembled action yarn. Kellan Lutz (2015, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

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10.50 10 Minutes Gone ★★ Bythe-numbers thriller. Bruce Willis (2019, 15) 12.45am Hijacked ★★ Die Hardon-a-plane thriller. Denise Richards (2017, 15) 2.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for the Bulge

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am A Star-Crossed Christmas
★★ Harmless romantic drama. Jona
Walsh (2017) 10.00 Oh Christmas Tree
★★ Predictable romance. (2013)
12 noon Finding Santa ★★ Cute
romance. Jodie Sweetin (2017) 2.00pm
Fixing Up Christmas ★★ Winter
heart-warmer. Natalie Dreyfus: (2021) 4.00
On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
★★ Unremarkable romcom. (2015)
6.00pm Christmas Confessions
★★ Warm-hearted romance about
an actor who finds that home is

an actor who finds that home is where the heart is. Sarah Lancaster (2015)

8.00 The Christmas Apprentice

★★ Good-hearted if formulaic comedy. Abigail Hawk, Chevy Chase (2016) 10.00 Welcome to Christmas ★★

Residents resist a big bad developer in this predictable yarn. Eric Mabius (2018)

12 midnight Grounded for

12 mionight Grounded for Christmas ★★ Snowy romcom. Julianna Guill (2019) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Coming Home for Christmas ★★ Sweet family drama. Carly McKillip (2013, U)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### Sky Premiere

6.00am Preview 6.25 Dance First:
a Life of Samuel Beckett \*\*
Lacklustre drama. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12)
8.25 Mummies \*\*\* Breezy
animated comedy adventure.
Joe Thomas (2023, 1) 10.00 The Three
Musketeers: D'Artagnan \*\*\*\*
Vivid and exciting swashbuckler
with a French cast. François Givil, Vincent
Cassel (2023, 15) 12.10pm As 8pm 2.25
As 10.15pm 4.25 The 12 Days of
Christmas Eve \*\*\* Sentimental
time-loop comedy. Kelsey Grammer (2022)
6.00pm Violent Night \*\*\*
Santa Claus is forced to take lethal
action in this fast-moving, laugh-outloud action fantasy. David Harbour (2022, 15)

loud action fantasy. David Harbour (2022, 15)

8.00 Shazam! Fury of the Gods

★★★ The superhero faces a trio
of goddesses in this action-packed
sequel. Review p47. Zachary Levi (2023, 12)

10.15 The Machine ★★ Good-

natured action comedy based on a true story. Bert Kreischer (2023, 15) 12.20am Violent Night As 6pm 2.20 As 10am 4.30 May December \*\*\* Provocative

melodrama about an actor and the woman she is set to portray. (2023, 15) **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

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**8.00am** Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** A Study in Terror ★★★ Inventive mystery. John Neville (1965, 15) 1.00pm The Devil-Ship Pirates ★★★
Action-packed Hammer swashbuckler. Christopher Lee (1964, PG) **3.00 Biggles:** Adventures in Time ★ Cheery but leaden sci-fi adventure, Neil Dickson, Alex Hyde-White (1986, PG) **5.00** Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi series starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger ction drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Black Death ★★★★ Medieval mercenaries are sent to investigate a community untouched by the plague in this horror. Sean Bean (2010, 15) 11.00 The Killers ★★★★ Lean, violent thriller in which two hitmen try to find out why they were hired to do a particular job. Lee Marvin (1964, 18) 12.55am Pet ★★★ Grisly thriller. Dominic Monaghan (2016, 18) **2.45–4.30am** The Jurassic Games ★★ Bargain

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basement thriller. Ryan Merriman (2018, 15)

8.00am Killer Wave 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Apocalypse of Ice ★ A pandemic-rayaged world is threatened by an ice storm in this cobbled-together sci-fi hokum. Tom Sizemore (2020) 1.00pm Air Collision  $\star\star$  A fierce storm puts Air Force One in danger in this ludicrous but watchable action thriller Reginald WelJohnson (2012) **3.00** Andromeda **4.00** Star Trek 5.00 Eye of the Beast ★★ The people of a small town battle a giant squid in this over-the top horror thriller. James Van Der Beek (2007) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 The Asphyx ★★★★ This thoughtful and convincing British horror oddity explores aspects of immortality with a unique sci-fi Spin, Robert Stephens, Robert Powell (1972, 15) 10.45 Paradise Cove ★★

10.45 Paradise Cove ★★ Low-grade thriller in which a couple are menaced by a homeless woman living under the house they're renovating. Todd Grinnell, Kristin Bauer van Straten, Mena Suvari (2021, 15)

1.00-2.50am The Asphyx As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

## **FILM REVIEWS**



Meet Me in St Louis \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
1.00-2.50pm BBC2

wusical Providing a romanticised but still uplifting depiction of life in St Louis at the start of the 20th century, this is a tale that only works against the backdrop of a more innocent age. The portrayal of a perfect American family – including Mary Astor as Mom and Judy Garland as one of four daughters – was too sugary for some critics at the time, but it is now considered a classic. Director Vincente Minnelli is at the top of his game, and the dazzling musical numbers include The Trolley Song, Skip to My Lou and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. PETER FREEDMAN (US 1944 HD)

### Ride the High Country $\star\star\star\star$

2.00-4.00pm **5 Action** 

WESTERN Director Sam
Peckinpah proved his talent
with this gentle requiem to
the Old West. Joel McCrea
and Randolph Scott (in his
last role) bicker and cuss as
they move a shipment of gold
through dangerous territory.
There are some marvellous
supporting performances
from Warren Oates, LQ Jones
and RG Armstrong. TONY
SLOMAN (US 1962, some violence, HD)

#### Sweet Charity ★★★ 2.50-5.10pm BBC2

MUSICAL Theatre genius Bob Fosse made his directing debut with this brash adaptation of the Broadway hit. The film charts the life of Shirley MacLaine's dance-hall hostess, whose run of bad luck fails to dampen her belief in love. It's jam-packed with stunning numbers but lacks the polish of the stage show. ROBYN KARNEY (US 1968, HD)

## The Secret Garden

5.05-6.55pm **C5** 

PERIOD DRAMA Frances Hodgson Burnett's children's classic is given a new lease of life in this imaginative screen adaptation. Polish director Agnieszka Holland draws a spirited performance from Kate Maberly as the young orphan who sweeps away the cobwebs from Misselthwaite Manor, while Maggie Smith steals the show as beastly housekeeper Mrs Medlock. **DAVID PARKINSON** (US 1993, HD)

## Edward Scissorhands

5.50-7.30pm **BBC2** (starts 5.10pm in Wales)

FANTASY Tim Burton's fairy tale is one of the best fantasy films ever made. Johnny Depp gives a sensitive performance as the "Punkenstein" creation of scientist Vincent Price. Edward's inability to touch the things he loves because of his scissor appendages makes for potent symbolism of the highest mythic order. ALAN JONES (IS 1990, edited for language, violence, HD)

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## The Holiday ★★ 10.10pm-12.45am C5

Kate Winslet star here as women from opposite sides of the Atlantic who swap houses for Christmas and find romance. Diaz and Jude Law make an engaging couple, but Winslet and Jack Black are a more awkward pairing. The film's funny moments are about as thinly spread as the snow that randomly appears throughout. STELLA

PAPAMICHAEL (US 2006, swearing, HD)

**ROMCOM** Cameron Diaz and

#### Raging Bull

10.15pm-12.15am **BBC2** (not in N Ireland)

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BOXING DRAMA Robert De Niro earned a well-deserved Oscar for his performance here as champion boxer Jake La Motta. Director Martin Scorsese makes no concession to character likeability as he portrays La Motta's downward slide from arrogant prizefighter to frustrated, hateful dropout. The film is rightly celebrated as one of Scorsese's very best. JOHN MARRIOTT (US 1980, violence, swearing, BW/col, HD)

#### Last Christmas ★★

11.15pm-12.55am **BBC1** (starts 11.45pm in Scotland, 12.15am in Wales; not in N Ireland)

ROMCOM The hits of George Michael provide the musical backdrop to this sentimental seasonal offering. Emilia Clarke gives a charming turn as the shop assistant whose fortunes look up when she falls for too-good-to-be-true Henry Golding. The film's earnestness does come off as a bit smug, making it more festive folly than Christmas cracker. EMMA SIMMONDS (UK/US 2019, some swearing, HD)

## Do the Right Thing 12.15-2.10am BBC2

DRAMA Spike Lee's fierce racial drama concentrates on one sweltering day in New York where racial tensions are about to explode. The focal point is an Italian pizza parlour, but Lee effortlessly meshes together a dozen storylines without losing sight of his central theme. The ensemble cast is also exemplary. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1989, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

## The Amazing Maurice ★★★

12.45-2.25pm **Sky Animation** Fabulous feline tale from Terry Pratchett. (2022, PG) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

**Liar Liar** ★★★ 6.20-8.00pm **Sky Cinema Comedy** Jim Carrey can't fib. (1997, 12) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

#### Coach Carter ★★★

10.00pm-12.20am **Sky Hits** Basketball drama. (2005, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

## THURSDAY

## Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



#### **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** 8.00pm

6.00am Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (AD) **6.55** David Attenborough's First Life **8.10** Jack and the Beanstalk: After Ever After (AD) **9.05** Morph's Epic Adventures **9.30** The Simpsons **11.00** Terry Pratchett's Hogfather: double bill (AD) 3.00pm The Simpsons 4.30 Hansel and Gretel: After Ever After (AD) **5.30** Roald and Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse (AD)

7.00pm Rob and Romesh vs **Lapland** Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan head to Lapland for some Christmas-themed tasks.

#### 8.00 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★

Comedy starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. (AD) (W)

#### 10.00 A Very Brassic Christmas After a festive crisis, Vinnie, Erin, Tommo, Cardi, Carol, Ash and JJ mus help save Christmas. See p101.

#### 11.30 Never Mind the **Buzzcocks** A Christmas special with Leigh-Anne Pinnock, Harry Hill and Ricky Wilson. (AD)

12.30am CHOICE Smothered: double bill. **See page 101. 1.30** A League of Their Own **2.30** Road Wars **3.30** Christmas Crime UK **4.00** Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Stargate SG-11.00pm FILM Zodiac: Signs of the Apocalypse \*\* Sci-fi disaster movie 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe **3/20** Series 2. When the Destiny docks with a seeding ship, the crew learns it could hold enough energy to power the Stargate.

#### 7.00 Doomsday Meteor ★ Disaster movie starring Joseph Michael Harris. When Earth's laser defences fail to stop an incoming meteor, the planet depends on a manned shuttle mission to intercept the threat.

9.00 From 7/10 Series 2. Boyd and Kristi seek to capitalise on the apparent death of the Nightmare Creature, while Jim finds an unlikely ally in the volatile Randall. **10.00** 8/10. Driven by their

unwavering determination to unravel the town's secrets. Jim and Randall concoct a dangerous plan

11.00 The Ark 9/12. Loyalties are tested when discord gives way to deadly mutiny following an unpopular décision.

**12 midnight 10/12.** The situation on Ark One seems hopeless after crew members are taken hostage.

1.00am Stargate Universe 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Pandora 5.00-6.00am Most Haunted

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Billions 5.40pm Taylor embarks on a public battle with Axe

6.00am Fish Town 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.35** True Blood (AD)

**5.40pm Billions 8/12** Series 4 Chuck faces off with US Attorney General Jock Jeffcoat. (AD) **6.45 9/12**. Chuck continues to navigate his way through New York's political landscape. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 4/10 Series 3. Varys meets his match when he talks to Lady Olenna, and Arya is brought before the commander of the Brotherhood without Banners, (AD)

**9.00** The Gilded Age 8/8 Series 2. Period drama set in the 1880s, following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

10.10 The Undoing 3/6. Jonathan resurfaces as Grace learns about his recent troubles at work. Later, she finds herself being followed by someone close to Elena. (AD)

11.15 Billions 6/12 Series 7 Axe turns to Chuck for a favour involving a common adversary. (AD) 12.20am 7/12. Prince's latest play promises to enhance his political platform. (AD)

1.25am Game of Thrones: two episodes (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05–6.00am** Fish Town

**Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare 9.00 Border Security: Canada's ine (AD) **10.00** Highway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD)
12 noon The Rookie (AD) 1.00pm
FBI (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven editions of the fly-on-the wall documentary observing the work of customs officers at Australia's biggest airports.

**8.00 The Equalizer 18/18** Series 3 McCall's former CIA colleague sets her sights on revenge. Aunt Vi and Delilah attempt to deescalate a hostage situation. (AD)

9.00 FBI 19/23 Series 5. The team searches for the murderer of a drug dealer. Maggie's sister returns and complicates the case.

10.00 FBI: International 19/22 Series 2. After an American tourist is killed while visiting Stockholm, the team must take down the Swedish group responsible.

11.00 The Rookie 5/22 Series 4 A designer drug that turns users into "zombies" hits the streets of LA, providing the team with a Halloween they will not forget. (AD)

12 midnight Departure (AD) 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted 2.00 New. FBI: Most Wanted 19/22 Seri Repeated tomorrow 9pm 3.00 Chicago Med **4.00** The Resident 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

#### **Sky Max**



A Very Brassic Christmas 10.00pm Dick, Vinnie and Edie

6.00am Motorway Patrol 7.00 Rob and Romesh vs Christmas (AD) **8.00** Jack and the Beanstalk: After Ever After (AD) **9.00** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) **10.00** Terry Pratchett's Hogfather (AD) 2.00pm FILM Twilight ★★★ Romantic horror fantasy starring Kristen Stewart (W) 4.30 Hansel and Gretel: After Ever After (AD) **5.30** Roald and Beatrix: The Tail of the Curious Mouse (AD)

7.00pm Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians head to Lapland for some festive tasks, (AD)

8.00 Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice 6/6 Series 4 The comedians join a spectacular Disney on Ice show. (AD)

9.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special Ep 8 Series 18 With Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett.

#### 10.00 A Very Brassic Christmas

After a festive crisis, Vinnie and the gang must save Christmas. Imelda Staunton and Greg Davies guest-star. See p101.

11.30 Never Mind the **Buzzcocks** A Christmas special with Leigh-Anne Pinnock, Harry Hill and Ricky Wilson. (AD)

12.30am Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) **2.30** Road Wars **3.30** A League of Their Own: Unseen **4.30–6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fr 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Highway Cops 12 noon Highway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Motorway Patrol 2.00 Most Haunted: double bill 4.00 Station 19: double bill 6.00pm Merlin: double bill (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis: The crew has less than an hour to break free when its damaged ship gets stuck halfway through the Stargate while fleeing the Wraith **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Maria is driven to commit a terrible crime and Jocelyn forms a pact with the unlikeliest of allies, then Jocelyn man enemy of Yeardley (AD) 11.00 Caught on Dashcam: traffic incidents 12 midnight FBI 1.00am FBI: International 2.00 A League of Their Own (AD) 3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Motorway Patrol (AD) 8.00 Highway
Cops 9.00 Border Security: Australia's
Front Line 10.00 Caught Red Handed
11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered
at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer
I'd Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village
3.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00
Britain's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00
Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the
Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That
Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 World's
Most Evil Killers 8.00 Britain's Most Evil
Killers 9.00 New. World's Most Evil
Killers 10.00 Who Killed Robert Wone
11.40 Forensics: Catching the Killer
12.40am Killer in My Village 1.40
Murdered at First Sight (AD) 2.40 Road
Wars 4.40 Christmas Crime UK
5.05-6.00am Motorway Patrol 5.05-6.00am Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



Ghosts 8.20pm Mary, Kitty and Alison celebrate Christmas

7.10am The Two Ronnies 8.50 Still Open All Hours 9.25 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.25** Last of the Summer Wine **12.45pm** The Green Green Grass **1.45** Trust Morecambe & Wise **2.45** The Green Green Grass **3.40** Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery (AD) 5.40 Only Fools and Horses (AD)

7.00pm Only Fools and Horses Raquel's father finds a watch in the Trotters' junk, which he claims could be worth a fortune. (AD)

8.20 Ghosts A new arrival joins the haunted household in this festive special from 2020. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys In the Christmas edition from 2016, a fire at the salon leaves Rory and Dino with nowhere to work.

9.40 The Royle Family: the **Golden Egg Cup** Tension mounts as Jim and Barbara argue over what to do with a cash windfall. (AD)

11.00 Absolutely Fabulous Eddie's new-found enthusiasm for her family ruins Patsy's plans. (AD)

11.45 The Office The first of two specials from 2003. David Brent is now a Z-list celebrity. (AD)

12.50am Ghosts (AD) 1.30 Mrs Brown's Boys **2.15** The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup (AD) **3.20–4.00am** Two Doors Down Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Conners: 18 episodes **5.00pm** Breeders: ten episodes of the sitcom. Luke has some news **5.30** Luke's decision worries Paul and Ally **6.00** Ally dreads her birthday **6.30** Paul and Ally plan a night out **7.00** Ava takes a risk **7.30** Ally decides she needs more friends **8.00** Paul and Ally go on holiday **8.30** The pair's holiday is cut short **9.00** Jim tries to help Jackie **9.30** Ava declares her love (AD) **10.00** ET CHOICE New. Smothered: double bill. Nerves are on edge at the launch of Gillian's restaurant, then Sammy and Tom's argument spills over into Christmas. Last in series. See page 101. 11.00 Sarah Silverman: Someone You Love: stand-up comedy 12.10am The Office US 1.10 John Early: Now More Than Ever **2.25**Silicon Valley: triple bill **4.05–5.00am**The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

**8.00am** Becker **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **11.00** Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle 6.00 Friends (AD) 9.00 FiLM Meet the Fockers ★★★ Comedy sequel starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller. Following her engagement to male nurse Greg Focker, Pam Byrnes and her family decamp to Florida to check out Taminy decamp to Fiorida to check out the prospective in-laws **11.20 Fil.M** American Pie 2 \*\*\* Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs. The randy students return for another summer of sexual misadventures following their first year at college 1.20am Rose Matafeo: Horndog **2.20** Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains **3.20** Ugly Americans **3.45** South Park **4.10–5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



Rizzoli & Isles 11.00pm Jane's behaviour concerns Maura

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight back-to-back episodes of the drama series (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 2/24 Series 4. As Joan secures a iob with the FBI, Morland offers to use his influence to have her and Sherlock reinstated as NYPD consultants, prompting Sherlock to question his motives.

8.00 Father Brown 13/15 Series 3 A man is found dead inside a bank vault, and Father Brown must solve the mystery to save an innocent man from paying the price. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 3. Richard Poole's university reunion takes an unexpected turn, so another British inspector is flown out to investigate. (AD)

10.00 So Help Me Todd 17/21 Margaret helps a client whose mother died during a routine surgery at Allison's hospital. And Margaret and Gus go on their first date.

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 3/16 Series 4 A christening celebration is turned into a murder case when a body is discovered in the church. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary: Sherlock questions whether his father has an ulterior motive **1.00am** Death in Paradise: double bill (AD) **3.00–4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

### **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue: five editions 7.00pm Outback Truckers: house mover Robbie must navigate bumpy terrain to reach his destination **8.00** Railroad Alaska: the spring thaw puts railroad staff on high alert **9.00 New.** Survive the Raft: two participants hatch a plan, but the fate of the experiment hangs in the balance (AD) **10.00** Naked and Afraid XL: severe dehydration puts a contestant's challenge at risk 11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: deep in Kentucky, Mireya and Ronny encounter some unidentified creatures

12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Survive the Raft (AD) 2.00 Naked and Afraid XL 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD)

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing Up History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers (AD) **2.00pm** How the Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm How the Universe Works 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown: Josh heads to Florida in search of the long-lost treasure of pirate José Gaspar (AD) 8.00 Greatest Events of World War II 9.00 Combat Pealers (AD) War II 9.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed 1.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Greatest Events of World War II 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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## & sport

#### **Sky Documentaries**



Pantani: the Accidental Death of a Cyclist 11.10pm

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD)
7.00 Discovering: Joan Fontaine
(AD) 8.00 The Directors 9.00
Urban Secrets 9.55 The Vow (AD)
11.00 Spector (AD) 12 noon | Am
MLK Jr (AD) 2.00pm Disgraced
(AD) (W) 4.00 The Directors 5.00
Discovering: Joan Fontaine (AD)

**6.00pm New series. The 2010s** Chronicling major stories and looking at popular culture in the United States during the decade.

**6.55 The Vow** Dani details the grooming and abuse she and her two sisters suffered. (AD)

**8.00 Spector** Phil Spector is convicted after a second trial and, in the wake of his death, those left behind contemplate the music producer's legacy. (AD)

**9.00 New. Trees and Other Entanglements** Exploring the intertwined lives of people and the trees they love, including a woman battling to protect forests.

**11.10 Pantani: the Accidental Death of a Cyclist** A look at the life of Marco Pantani, the Italian cyclist found dead less than six years after winning the Tour de France.

**1.00am** LFG: the US women's soccer team (AD) **3.00** The Art of Political Murder (AD) **4.45** My Icon: Keegan Hirst (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Discovering: Joan Fontaine (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/H**D** 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS: a 1974 Mk 1 Ford Capri 1.00pm loe Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 3.00 Nazi Megastructures 4.00 Draining Chicago: What Lies Beneath (AD) 5.00 Car SOS (AD) 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt: the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of King Tutankhamun (AD) 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: investigators search for a plane that disappeared above the Java Sea 8.00 Car SOS: double bill (AD) 10.00 To Catch a Smuggler: agents perform three undercover drug stings 11.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 12 midnight Airport Security: First Class 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory VSA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory Wat 6eographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 41 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 D-Day: the Light of Dawn 11.00 Secrets in the Ice 12 noon Rust Valley Restorers 2.00pm Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 The Abysis: Rise and Fall of the Nazis 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00pm American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 New. Pawn Stars: Rick prepares for battle over a pair of vintage posters 9.00 New. Mountain Men: Eustace and his neighbour train a sen: Eustace and his neighbour train a sen: Eustace and his neighbour train a sen: Eustace and his neighbour train a Slavage Kings 2.00 Hitler's Engineers 12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Hitler's Engineers 3.00 Pawn Stars 4.00-6.00am Rust Valley Restorers: double bill Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

#### Sky Nature



**World's Most Toxic Animals** 8.00pm A blue-ringed octopus

6.00am OI Pejeta Diaries 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Patagonia (AD) 9.00 New Kids in the Wild 10.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 11.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD) 12 noon Beasts of the Big Blue (AD) 1.00pm Monkey Life 2.00 Patagonia (AD) 3.00 New Kids in the Wild 4.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 5.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD)

**6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue** A look at the creatures living in New Zealand's Hauraki Gulf, which include manta rays, dolphins and a kaleidoscope of tropical fish. (AD)

**7.00 Monkey Life** Life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset. **7.30** The day-to-day dramas as staff look after over 240 primates.

**8.00 World's Most Toxic Animals** Lethal creatures, including the world's most venomous snake. (AD) **9.00** Meeting the tiny frog that's packed with poison and the most venomous spider in the world. (AD)

10.00 Beasts of the Big Blue As 6pm.

11.00 Dawn to Dusk A female Bengal tiger trains her cubs to hunt, while the lions and cobras focus their efforts on mating season. (AD) 12 midnight How the Wild Things

Sleep **1.00am** Alaskan Summer **2.00** World's Most Toxic Animals (AD) **4.00** Patagonia (AD) **5.00–6.00am** New Kids in the Wild

**Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am Planet Earth (AD)
6.00pm Planet Earth: six episodes. Life in the world's darkest caves 7.00 Animals that survive on the world's highest peaks, from gelada baboons in Ethiopia to snow leopards hunting in Pakistan 8.00 David Attenborough focuses on animals living in deserts, from guanacos in the dry Atacama in Chile to the wild camels eating snow in the Mongolian Gobi 9.00 Wildlife in the polar regions 10.00 The wildlife on the great plains of Africa, Asia, North America and the Arctic 11.05 A look at how the sun affects life on Earth through the seasons, following a polar bear preparing its cubs for a long journey to avoid becoming stranded on floating glaciers (AD) 12.05am Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00 Planet Earth (AD) 5.35-6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

#### **Animal Planet**

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 India's Monkey Man Monster: Expedition Mungo 3.00 Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Mungo 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: Marcel rescues a stray dog trapped beneath a house 8.00 Meet the Orangutans 9.00 Meet the Penguins 10.00 Edge of Alaska: Neil is on the brink of reopening the Motherlode mine for tourism 11.00 Sharkwrecked: Crash Landing 12 midnight Sharktacular 2016 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Melbourne Renegades v

Brisbane Heat at Marvel Stadium.

10.30 LIVE International

One-Day Cricket South Africa

India from Boland Park, Paarl.

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day seven.

4.30 LIVE International
One-Day Cricket South Africa
v India, continued coverage.
7.00 Sky Sports News

**7.30 LIVE Premier League Football** Crystal Palace v Brighton & Hove Albion from Selhurst Park (kick-off **8.00**).

**10.00 LIVE World Darts** The evening session on day seven. **11.00** Sky Sports News

12 midnight LIVE NFL Los Angeles Rams v New Orleans Saints at SoFi Stadium (ko 1.15). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### **Sky Football**

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Championship Retro
8.30 EFL Greatest Games
10.00 Championship Retro
12 noon League Cup Football
2.00pm Championship Highlights
2.15 Women's Super League Football
2.45 League One and Two Goals
3.15 Championship Highlights
4.45 League Cup Highlights
5.15 Championship Highlights
5.30 League One and Two Goals
6.00 Championship Highlights
6.30 Women's Championship Show
7.00 German Football 8.00 League
Cup Highlights 9.00 Championship
Highlights 9.30 German Football
10.30 A League of Their Own (AD)
11.30 Women's Championship Show
12 midnight-6.00am SPFL Greatest
Games: memorable matches

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Rose Ladies Series 7.00 Women's US Open Golf 1.00pm Women's Open Golf 8.00 Europel Europel 9.30 LPGA Tour Golf 12.30am Europel Europel 2.00 Women's Open Golf 3.00-6.00am LPGA Tour Golf

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL 12 noon Good Morning
Football 3.00pm NFL Gameday 3.30
Jaguars Weekly UK 4.00 Highlights
5.00 Review Show 6.00 Pro-Football
Talk 8.00 Gameday 8.30 Jaguars
Weekly UK 9.00 NFL 10.00 Fantasy
11.00 NFL Gameday 11.30 NFL
12 midnight LIVE NFL Los
Angeles Rams v New Orleans
Saints at SoFi Stadium (ko 1.15).
4.30-6.00am NFL

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am Tennis: French Open 8.30
Showjumping 9.30 Alpine Skiing
World Cup Ski cross from Italy.
12.15pm Alpine Skiing 12.30 Cycling:
Paris-Roubaix 2.30 Freestyle Skiing
3.30 Alpine Skiing: World Cup action
4.30 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup, women's slalom, first run.
6.15 Freestyle Skiing 7.15 Winter
Sport: the Return of the Queen
7.30 LIVE Alpine Skiing World
Cup, women's slalom, second run.
8.45 Alpine Skiing 9.00 Olympic
Games 10.00 Alpine Skiing 11.00
A Voyage of Discovery 12 midnight
Climbing 2.00am Triathlon 3.00
Cycling 5.00-7.00am Snooker



**Big Bash League** 7.45am **Sky Cricket** Renegades hero Nic Maddinson faces the Heat

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Legends (AD) 8.00 Best Goals 9.00 100 Club 10.00 The Football Show 12 noon Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Years 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.00 100 Club (AD) 6.00 The Fantasy Show 6.30 The Big Interview 7.00 Preview

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7.30 LIVE Premier League
Football Crystal Palace v Brighton
6. Hove Albion (kick-off 8.00).
10.30 Class of 92 11.30 Big Interview
12 midnight Highlights 12.30am
Stories 1.00 Premier League Years
(AD) 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best
Goals (AD) 5.30-6.00am 100 Club

#### Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Best of the Big Bash (AD)
6.45 Big Bash League Highlights
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League
Cricket Melbourne Renegades v
Brisbane Heat at Marvel Stadium.
10.30 LIVE International
One-Day Cricket South Africa
v India from Boland Park, Paarl.

One-Day Cricket South Africa v India from Boland Park, Paarl. 7.00pm Best of the World T20 (AD) 8.00 Big Bash League Highlights 9.00 International One-Day Cricket 10.00 Big Bash League Highlights 11.00 International One-Day Cricket 12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket 4.00am Best of the World T20 (AD) 5.00-6.00am Big Bash League

#### **Sky Darts**

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am World Darts 10.00 Rob Cross 10.30 Peter Wright: Double Champion 11.00 Darts Gold (AD)

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day seven.
4.30 Rob Cross 5.00 Peter Wright: Double Champion 5.30 Darts Gold
7.00 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day seven.
11.00 Rob Cross 11.30 Peter Wright
12 midnight Darts Gold (AD) 1.00am World Darts: day seven 5.00 Rob Cross 5.30–6.00am Peter Wright

#### Sky Sports Mix

**Sky** 416 **Virgin** 510 **EE** 429/HD 449

**1.00–4.30am LIVE American Football** The Boca Raton Bowl at FAU Stadium (kick-off **1.00**).

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413
6.00am Olympics 7.00 Climbing
8.00 Superbikes 10.00 Snooker
12 noon Speedway 2.00pm Motor
Racing 3.00 Supercross 4.00 British
Superbikes 6.00 Formula E 8.00
World Superbikes 10.00 Climbing
11.00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup
12 midnight Freestyle Skiing 1.00am
Motor Racing 2.00 Formula E
4.00-6.00am British Superbikes

### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

**6.00am** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **6.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00** Wrestling: WWE (AD) **8.45** LIVE Australian Football

Brishane Roar v Central Coast

Mariners, men's A-League game.

10.45 Premier League Reload

11.00 Test Cricket Highlights
1.00pm International T20 Cricket
Highlights 2.00 International One-Day
Cricket Highlights 3.00 Tennis 4.00
NBA (AD) 4.30 Australian Football
5.30 French Football (AD) 6.30
International T20 Cricket Highlights

**7.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket** West Indies v England, the fifth and final T20 in the series.

12 midnight International One-Day Cricket Highlights 1.00–6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Northern Brave v Central Hinds, women's; 4.30 Northern Brave v Central Stags, a men's match at Seddon Park. Continues until 8am.

#### **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

**6.30am** International One-Day Cricket **7.30** International T20 Cricket **8.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union **9.30** National League Football **11.30** Goals Reload **11.45** Europa League Reload **12 noon** Italian Football: five games

5.00pm Wrestling 10.00 UFC
1.00am LIVE NBA Oklahoma
City Thunder v LA Clippers.
3.30 NBA (AD) 4.00 Fight Week
4.30 UFC 5.00 National League

**4.30** UFC **5.00** National League Football **5.30–6.00am** Goals Reload

#### **TNT Sports 3**

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Champions League Football 7.00 French Football: eight matches 3.00pm International One-Day Cricket 6.00 Champions League Football 7.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 8.00 Europa League Magazine (AD) 8.00 Europa League Magazine 9.00 Netbusters (AD) 9.30 Premier League: the Big Interview 10.00 Stand Up Kickabout 10.30 Test Cricket 12.30am NBA (AD) 1.00 Goals Reload 1.15 Badminton (AD) 3.30 French Football (AD) 4.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 5.00-6.00am Premier League Legends: two episodes (AD)

#### TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am Badminton 8.00 MotoGP Rewind 1.00pm Champions League Football 2.00 NBA 3.30 EuroCup Basketball 4.30 Reload (AD) 4.45 Premier League Reload 5.00 NBA 7.00 EuroCup Basketball 8.00 NBA 10.00 Fishing (AD) 11.00 NBA 12.30am French Football (AD) 1.30 Australian Football 2.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 3.00 Reload (AD) 3.30 Champions League Magazine

#### Viaplay Sports

(AD) **4.30** Europa League Magazine **5.30–6.00am** Reload (AD)

5.00–11.30pm LIVE Spanish Football Cádiz v Real Sociedad, a La Liga match (kick-off 6.00); 5.00 Real Betis v Girona at Estadio Benito Villamarín (kick-off 6.00); 8.00 Alavés v Real Madrid from Mendizorrotza (kick-off 8.30); 8.00 Real Mallorca v Osasuna, a La Liga match (kick-off 8.30).

#### DAZN

5.45pm LIVE Women's Champions League Football Eintracht Frankfurt v Benfica, a Group A match (kick-off 5.45); 8.00 Barcelona v Rosengard at Estadio Johan Cruyff (ko 8.00).



8.30pm (9.00pm N Ireland) BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer

Do you remember this madcap sitcom, following the antics of the Jessop family? Arguably, probably not. After a pilot called *Pandemonium* in December 2020, its first series went out on BBC1 nearly a year and a half later in summer 2022. Now it's back for a seemingly random Christmas special. A second run has been promised, although judging by their current schedule it'll be summer 2025 until we see it...

Thankfully it's not difficult to put down and pick up. Mum Rachel (Katherine Parkinson) is determined the family are all going to have a classic Christmas: going to church, dinner at 4pm and a visit from Santa (despite kids Amy and Sam now being 21 and 16). Not only are her clan half-heartedly on board, but she's also having to fend off being volunteered for charity work by mother-in-law Sue (a brilliant Alison Steadman). The Big Day, of course, falls apart.

There are neat nuggets in the script ("We should all have to stay at home and just watch *Shrek*, as God intended" huffs Rachel), but the USP of the whole thing being shot from the POV of son Sam on a camcorder distracts (as it always has) from some brilliant comedic turns and taut lines. **FRANCES TAYLOR** 

## COMEDY Would I Lie to You?

8.00pm (8.30pm N Ireland) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Don't expect a cut-together clip show - instead, there's a proper Christmas special of the duplicitous guessing game, with regulars Rob Brydon, Lee Mack and David Mitchell joined by Alex Brooker, Naga Munchetty, Melvyn Hayes and Victoria Coren Mitchell. As ever, the presence of Coren Mitchell allows for an intriguing insight into her and Mitchell's home life, and what he might consider a "shocking" Christmas present from her. But somehow, it's always fellow captain Lee Mack who gets the tougher stories to sell. Could anyone really believe he once helped a couple called Mary and Joseph when there was no room at a Premier Inn..? HUW FULLERTON

## FACTUAL The Toy Hospital

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5 "Don't try this at home," narrator Sue Johnston warns as "Dr" Charlotte operates on April, a plastic doll that's badly burnt after a run-in with a fire. Basically she boils April's melted head to get it back into shape. Just as well they don't do that to humans.

Also getting repaired is a Tri-ang diesel train that's hit the buffers and a paralysed mechanical panda. But it's the transformation of April that's most impressive. "It's amazing – you wouldn't think it was the same doll," says her tearful owner Jackie. Despite the mock-hospital silliness, there's a message that toys unlock powerful memories – as we see with the emotional reunions. JANE RACKHAM

## Country Christmas

8.30pm BBC4 Catch up via iPlayer
This festive offering from the Country
Music Association has become
something of a BBC4 tradition.
Filmed in front of a live audience in
– where else? – Nashville, Tennessee,
previous specials have issued
seasonal greetings via country stars
such as Trisha Yearwood, Tim
McGraw and Carly Pearce. Yearwood
is back on hosting duties this year
alongside Amy Grant. Their yuletide
guests include Jordan Davis, Lady A,
Ashley McBryde, Jon Pardi, Lindsey
Stirling and Zach Williams.

If you've ever wondered how much country music anyone realistically needs at Christmas, then here's your answer, all wrapped up in satiny buttons and bows. **PAUL WHITELAW** 

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#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

# **Gardeners' World** 6.30pm (not N Ireland) BBC2 Monty Don has tips on cleaning tools before winter, while Rachel de Thame visits a garden

in Lincolnshire.

#### Have I Got 2023 News for You

9.00pm (11.40pm N Ireland) **BBC1** A collection of highlights looking back over the year. With Paul Merton and Ian Hislop (right).



## The Last Leg of Christmas

9.00pm **C4**A seasonal edition featuring festive treats and songs, as well as guests Tom Davis and Alison Hammond.

## George Michael: Live in London

9.10pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer Recorded during two nights at London's Earls Court in 2008, this career-spanning concert film captures George giving his all in front of 40,000 ecstatic fans. It was the last time he'd present a show on this scale in the city.

The 25 Live tour, which travelled around the world for two years, celebrated everything he had achieved as an artist up until that point, but the unabashed triumph of the occasion is tempered by his characteristic warmth and humility—it begins with an amusing scene in which an overzealous security man demands to see some ID from the superstar as he arrives at the venue. It's something that George, of course, is tickled by. **PW** 

## SITCOM Two Doors Down

9.30pm (10.40pm in Wales) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

While the characters might sometimes come across as a little ignorant, it turns out there's one subject where they excel: the history and practice of Scottish stand-up. Hearing them wax lyrical about the great Billy Connolly, you'd be forgiven for thinking writers and comedy fans Simon Carlyle and Gregor Sharp are up on their soapbox. But of course, as a local hero, The Big Yin is required reading for any Scot.

If you're not as familiar, never fear. Keeping things relatable, the main plot concerns the fraught practice of a group-ordered Chinese takeaway, a story so perfect for the show's low-stakes fun it's incredible they've never covered it before. Anyone for prawn crackers? **HF** 

## Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with

**Jimmy Carr** 10.00pm **c4** Catch up via C4 streaming

This chaotic late-night quiz comes with a twist: the questions are written in situ, so that the guests can be tested on a whirlwind of details and events that have happened during the night.

This celebrity Christmas special is especially anarchic. The contestants – Bill Bailey, Sarah Millican, AJ Odudu and Ben Shephard – are asked to hold a bundle of eggs for seemingly no reason. The lights go out and they are quizzed on what has changed in the studio. A group of kids start filming a miniature version of the show. The aim is disorientation – to bamboozle guests and viewers. The results are fizzy and fun, if slightly forgettable.



## DRAMA The Madame Blanc Mysteries

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5 It seems that heart-throbs from the 70s don't retire, they just find work on *The Madame Blanc Mysteries*. Robin Askwith is, of course, already a series stalwart in his role as raffish château owner Jeremy. But he's joined in this seasonal offering by George Layton, who's still best known for his years spent chasing nurses as medic Paul Collier on *Doctor in the House*.

Thankfully, the white lab coat has been mothballed, as Layton has now been tasked with playing a cashstrapped hotelier who invites Jean (Sally Lindsay) and the Sainte Victoire regulars to his spooky establishment for *Une Soirée de Meurtre*. Only this murder mystery evening does, of course, result in a real killing, and the investigation that follows ticks off all the characteristics of the traditional whodunnit, from rain lashing the windows to torches being shone down sepulchral corridors. **DAVID BROWN** 

### **LIVE SPORT**



#### Rugby Union: Premiership Sale Sharks v Saracens

7pm (k/o 7.45pm) **TNT Sports 1**Top-of-the-table clash at Salford Community Stadium, with Sale's England star George Ford (above) likely to be prominent at fly-half.

Football: Premier League Aston Villa v Sheffield United 7pm (k/o 8pm) Sky Sports Main Event/Premier League

Struggling Sheffield might have their hands full.

#### **Darts: World Championship**

12.30pm/10pm Sky Sports Main Event

Day eight at Alexandra Palace in London.

## FILM OF THE DAY



#### P House of Gucci ★★★ ID

9pm (10.40pm N Ireland) **BBC2** Inspired by the true story of the fashion empire, this glitzy drama from Ridley Scott stars Adam Driver as Maurizio Gucci, whose family and business are put in jeopardy when he marries socialite Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga, above). (2021)

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## FRIDAY Main Channels

#### **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.15 Animal Park The ferrets are served a helping of eggnog and the turkeys get weighed. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.00 For Love or Money A woman who lost a five-figure sum to an online Scrabble player, (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Frontline Fightback How technology is being used to combat the rise in shoplifting. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD) **11.15 Homes under the Hammer** Alex Jones explores a flat in west London's Shepherd's Bush. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt In Worcestershire. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Attenborough and the Giant Dinosaur The remains of the largest known dinosaur. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.45 Escape to the Country In Somerset. (R) (S) (HD) 3.45 Ricky & Ralf's Very Northern Road Trip 6/6 The pair visit Liverpool, and Ralf tries to conquer a childhood food fear in Bury. First shown on Gold (S) (HD)

**6.15am Homes under the Hammer** Dion Dublin is joined by Toyah Willcox. Shown Mon 11.15am BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 7.15 Celebrity Escape to the Country A doctor wants to live a quieter life. Shown Mon 3pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies With Ugo Monye,

Judy Murray, David James and Pat Nevin. (R) (S) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Gardeners' World Winter Specials **2/4.** Adam Frost visits Mary Berry. Shown last Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Bishop's Wife ★★★ Fantasy comedy starring Cary Grant, David Niven and Loretta Young. An angel helps a troubled bishop. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p117.** (1947, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

**10.45 King of Kings** ★★★★ Biblical epic starring Jeffrey Hunter, which concentrates on three elements of the New Testament story. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1961, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.25pm The Great British Sewing Bee Musician Toyah Willcox, comedian Jessica Knappett and actors Hammed Animashaun and Kerry Godliman are put to the test. See choice, p101. Shown Thu 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25 Coronation Tailors: Fit for a King A look at the family firm making ceremonial uniforms. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.25-5.45 West Side Story \*\*\*\*\*\* Film version of the classic musical, starring Natalie Wood and of the classic musical, starting reating residence in the Richard Beymer, which charts the rising tensions between two rival gangs in New York City. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p117. (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Showbiz gossip and guests. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, fashion and celebrity interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) **12.30pm Loose Women** Frank exchanges. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson recalls a precious piece of military history and a profitable haul of gold sovereigns. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00–4.00 Lingo** Duos from London, Norwich and Glasgow take part in the fast-moving battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

#### Channel 4

6.00am Come Dine with Me Estella Nicholson hosts the last Christmas dinner from York, (R) (S) (HD) 6.25 Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD) 7.05 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.20 The Big Bang Theory Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **10.20 Frasier** Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.20 News** (S) (HD) 11.25 Too Close for Christmas ★★ Romance with Chad Michael Murray. Hayley finds herself spending the holidays with the guy responsible for torpedoing her last relationship. (2020) (S) (W) (HD) 1.05pm Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts Fuss-free tips for leftover food. Shown Monday 8pm (S) (AD) (HD) **2.10 Countdown** Christopher Biggins guests. (S) (HD)

3.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie creates

a wooden toy and a shiny wall hanging. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Craig Rowe helps

two brothers find a home in Almería, Spain. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC<sub>1</sub>

#### Would I Lie to

You? 8.00pm Will it be a night full of festive fibs for host Rob Brydon and the panellists?



#### 5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Aled Jones, Russell Watson, Ben Cohen, Kristina Rihanoff, Kriss Akabusi, Shakira Akabusi, Jamie Laing and Sophie Habboo take part for charity. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

6/14. Clive Myrie invites Troy Deeney, OJ Borg, Dana and Jasmine Harman to take to the black chair. (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 EastEnders

Jack attempts to make amends with Denise. Writer Rob Gittins Cast Monday/Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Would I Lie to You?

Rob Brydon presents a festive special, with guests Victoria Coren Mitchell, Naga Munchetty, Alex Brooker and Melvyn Hayes. See page 110. Director Liz Clare; Producers Zoe Waterman and Jake Graham (S) (HD)

#### 8.30 Here We Go

Mum's Classic Family Christmas. Amy returns home for the holidays, so Rachel resolves to engineer a classic family Christmas. See page 110.

Alison Steadman Maya Katherine Parkinson Dermo Mica Ricketts Dermot Alex Macqueen Rohin Tom Basden Adam Preston Thomas-Gillesnie Dr Hirst Paul Freva Parks Tia Ruby Wallin Jude Collie Mike Mark Davison Writer Tom Basden: Director Will Sinclair: Producer Sam Ward (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Have I Got 2023 for You

A compilation of clips from the satirical news quiz. Directors Martin Lord, Abigail Dankwa, David Smith and Paul Wheeler Producer Jack Harris (S) (HD)

#### 9.30 Two Doors Down

5/6 Series 7. Takeaway. Michelle invites the neighbours round for a Chinese feast. As they wait for their food to arrive, Eric shares his love of Billy Connolly. A box set is on iPlayer. See page 111.

Doon Mackichan Alan Joy McAvoy Beth Cathy Michelle Arabella Weir Eric Christine Colin Elaine C Smith

Writers Simon Carlyle and Gregor Sharp; Director Ben Gosling Fuller Producer Jacqueline Sinclair (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Bad Education: a Christmas Carol

With the help of ghostly friends past, present and future, Stephen makes a big decision about his career. Laura Marcus

Blessing Francesca Amewudah-Rivers Jinx Warren Ali Hadji-Heshmati Hoburn Vicki Pepperdine Ásha Hassan Mitchell Charlie Wernham Jack Whitehall Usma Mathew Horne Alfie Fraser **Bobby Johnson** Stephen Carmichael Layton Williams Writers Freddy Syborn and Felix Hagan; Director Freddy Syborn Producer Hussain Casey-Ahmed First shown on BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.10 The Cleaner

A Clean Christmas. Wicky faces a blood-soaked crime scene in an ice-cream parlour on Christmas Day. Sian Gibson Wicky Grea Davies Sis Robert Kendrick Robbie Curran Parasite James Bolam

Writers Greg Davies and Ronan Blaney; Director Dominic Brigstocke Producer Sam Ward (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.40 Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie ★★★

Comedy spin-off from the BBC sitcom, starring Brendan O'Carroll. Irish matriarch Mrs Brown attempts to save Dublin's Moore Street Market from being sold off to developers. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Ben Kellett (2014, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

### BBC2

#### **House of Gucci**

9.00pm The newfashioned way?: scion Maurizio has ambitious plans for the high-end brand



#### 5.45pm Blackadder's Christmas Carol

On Christmas Eve 1850, the kindly Ebenezer Blackadder receives a visit from his loathsome ancestors who are concerned that he's a wrong 'un. Rowan Atkinson stars in a festive special from 1988. Writers Richard Curtis and Ben Elton; Producer John Lloyd Director Richard Boden (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.30 Gardeners' World Winter Specials

3/4. Monty Don has tips on how to clean garden tools before putting them away for winter and Rachel de Thame admires the topiary at a Lincolnshire garden. Meanwhile, in Carmarthenshire, Frances Tophill extols the beauty and versatility of willow, Carol Klein embraces the festive spirit with some home-harvested decorations, and we meet a head gardener in Northamptonshire who prunes, bends and weaves roses into amazing sculptural forms. Series producer Becky Pratt

Executive producer Gary Broadhurst (S) (HD)

RT GARDENING Save money on a classic "Old English" shrub rose collection, plus offers on secateurs and organic rose feed; page 150

#### 7.30 Only Connect

The Polyhymnians and the Channel Islanders return to do battle in the lateral-thinking guiz hosted by Victoria Coren-Mitchell. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Christmas University Challenge

**5/10.** Teams representing Imperial College London and the University of Liverpool compete for a place in the semi-finals, captained respectively by science journalist Anjana Ahuja and musician Ian Ritchie. Amol Rajan asks the guestions.

Director Bridget Caldwell; Series producer Clare Parody (S) (HD)

#### 8.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

5/10. Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee test their general knowledge skills in the next round of the show. Director John Smith; Executive producers Breid McLoone and Tamara Gilder (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 House of Gucci ★★★

**Pi** Biographical drama starring Lady Gaga and Adam Driver. Patrizia Reggiani comes from humble origins, but in the late 1970s she marries fashion scion Maurizio Gucci. Over the next decade, Patrizia and Maurizio grow ever more ambitious while their marriage begins to fray. With the Gucci company's fortunes in the balance, events take a turn for the deadly. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: p117.

Patrizia Reggiani Lady Gaga Aldo Gucci Al Pacino Adam Driver Giuseppina "Pina" Auriemma Salma Havek Maurizio Gucci Paola Franchi Jared Leto Jeremy Irons Domenico De Sole Jack Huston Director Ridley Scott (2021, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

#### 11.30 Alien

Sci-fi horror thriller. On its way back to Earth at the end of a routine voyage, spacecraft Nostromo picks up signals from a nearby planet. When three of the crew go to investigate, one of them is attacked by a mysterious creature that emerges from a repository of eggs. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p117.

Ripley Captain Dallas Sigourney Weaver Ash Tom Skerritt Parker lan Holm Yaphet Kotto Veronica Cartwright Harry Dean Stanton Lambert Helen Horton (voice only) Bolaji Badejo The Alien Brett John Hurt Director Ridley Scott (1979, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.20-3.50am Sign Zone 1.20 Panorama Current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines. (R) (S) (HD) **1.50 Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 1/3.** Tracing Julius Caesar's ambitious rise as he seeks to become Consul, the highest political position in Rome. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.50 Vigil** 6/6 Series 2. Amy finally discovers the full scale of the conspiracy – is she prepared to risk everything to find those responsible? Shown Tuesday 9pm BBCI (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

### ITV1

#### Parkinson: the Final **Conversation**

900nm The king of chat's farewell show from 2007



#### 4.00pm Tipping Point

Four contestants answer questions and take turns on the supersized arcade machine in an attempt to walk away with the potential jackpot of £10,000. Ben Shephard presents. Director Richard van't Riet Series producer Chris Hale (R) (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Alison, David, Reshma and Xander attempt to outrun one of the ruthless Chasers and scoop a prize pot potentially worth thousands of pounds. Executive producers Michael Kelpie, Martin Scott and Helen Tumbridge (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Emmerdale

Caleb assures Tracy that Nicky will keep their secret. Marlon lacks patience with the new house guests. Bob is desperate for gossip. Writer Paul Roundell Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Coronation Street

Tony turns nasty when Ed tries to flee without paying him. Cassie improvises when Roy's car fails to start. Carla is troubled by Peter's honest

words during a meeting of his support group. Sean Cernow Brian Packham Peter Gunn Tony Byrne Claire Sweeney Sarge Bailey
David Neilson Daniel Osbourne Cassie Plummer Ram John Holder Rob Mallard Roy Cropper Ryan Prescott Ryan Russell Glenda Shuttleworth Tim Metcalfe Jodie Prenger Ryan Connor Joe Duttine Michael Bailey Jude Riordan Abi Webster Sally Ca Julia Goulding Chesney Winter-Brown Liam Bairstow Debbie Webster Sam Blakeman Sally Carman-Duttine Shona Platt Sam Aston Alex Warner Sue Devaney Maureen Lipman Sarah Barlow Evelyn Plummer Tina O'Brien Gary Windass Max Turner Mikey North Ronnie Bailey Paddy Bever Joseph Brown Vinta Morgan William Flanagan Mary Taylor Patti Clare Woman Olivia Fenton Paul Foreman Peter Ash

Writers Cameron McAllister and Ella Greenhill This week's episodes produced by lain MacLeod; directed by Kodjo Tsa and Reece Dinsdale More cast Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Parkinson: the Final **Conversation**

As a tribute to Michael Parkinson, who died in August aged 88, another chance to see the farewell edition of his long-running chat show from December 2007, featuring a remarkable guest list personally chosen by Parky himself, headed by regular interviewees Dame Edna Everage, Billy Connolly and Sir Michael Caine, alongside David Beckham and Peter Kay. Director Stuart MacDonald Producer Steven Lappin (R) (S)

#### **10.50 ITV News**

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.40 The Voice UK

**7/9** Series 12. Emma Willis presents the last of the blind auditions and the Callback stages as superstar coaches Tom Jones, will.i.am, Olly Murs and Anne-Marie face the difficult task of whittling down their teams from ten to three. The coaches will be joined by guest mentors Paloma Faith, Luke Evans, Jamie Cullum and Raye as the hopefuls sing for their survival. Shown Saturday 8pm (S) (HD)

1.20am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Inside M&S at Christmas Behind the scenes at the high street giant. Shown last Thu (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Ainsley's Festive Flavours** Ainsley Harriott cooks hoisin turkey bao buns. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

The Last Leg of 🐧 Christmas 9.00pm Adam Hills and co dissect the news alongside some

festive frivolity



4 7 in Wales

#### 5.00pm Château DIY

Near Le Havre, Chris and Jolyon prepare for their Christmas soirée. Over in Montmorillon, Belinda and Lee serve dinner for 60 guests. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The contestants meet one last time to discover how much they have been paid, before finding out who has won the competition. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 The Simpsons

Grift of the Magi. Bart indirectly causes a cash crisis at Springfield Elementary. (R) (S) (AD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD) 8.00 The Dog House

Staff at Woodgreen Pets Charity return to find the ideal homes for their pooches. Fox terrier Ziggy – who loves making great escapes – hopes she can steal the hearts of the Thompson family. Meanwhile, smiley staffie cross Winston embarks on a charm offensive as he attempts to win over his potential new owners. And Emori the three-legged German shepherd is introduced to retiree Pauline. After a frosty start, things start to warm up when a ball game breaks the ice. Series producer Katie Brimblecombe; Executive producers Nick Mirsky and Anna Llewellyn (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 The Last Leg of Christmas

Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are back to take a sideways look at current events in an edition featuring fabulous festive treats and a generous helping of songs. The trio are joined by comedian and actor Tom Davis and TV presenter Alison Hammond as they get into the Christmas spirit in a way only they can. Producer Connor Hayles; Series producer Tom Messer (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with Jimmy Carr

Famous faces AJ Odudu, Ben Shephard, Bill Bailey and Sarah Millican aim to win up to £25,000 for charity in a festive edition of the game show. All they need to do to claim the prize is remember the answers that Jimmy, his team of question writers and some surprise quests have literally just told them. See page 111. Series producer Sarah Timbury; Executive producers Dominic Wells-Martin, Richard Bacon and Ben Wicks (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Paul \*\*\*

Sci-fi comedy. On their much anticipated road trip to America's notorious Area 51, two sci-fi geeks find themselves in the company of a real-life extraterrestrial who needs their help. Available to stream for 30 days. **Review p117.** Graeme Willy Jane Lynch

Simon Pegg Pat Stevens Nick Frost The Big Guy Sigourney Weaver Bill Hader Clive Gollings Seth Rogen (voice only) Haggard Adam Shadowchild Tara Walton

Jeffrey Tambor Blythe Danner Special Agent Lorenzo Zoil Adam Shado **Jason Bateman** Tara Walton

Director Greg Mottola (2010, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00am Daddy's Home ★★ Comedy. Hapless stepfather Brad struggles to retain the respect of his kids when their much cooler biological dad Dusty turns up. Available to stream for 30 days Will Ferrell Griff Hannibal Buress Brad

Mark Wahlberg Karen Linda Cardellini The Whip Dustv Alessandra Ambrosio Thomas Haden Church Doris Jamie Denho Director Sean Anders (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.40 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon hopes to make some changes at Vasi's Restaurant and Bar in Waterbury, Connecticut. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 3.25 Come Dine with Me In Suffolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 5.40–6.10am Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas Roasted mulled wine ham and a yule log. (R) (S) (HD)

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### BBC4

#### Country **Christmas**

8.30pm Amy Grant co-hosts the star-studded show in Nashville



#### 7.00pm Top of the Pops: **Christmas Hits**

A feast of footage from seasonal editions of the pop show, featuring acts from six decades including the Human League, Pet Shop Boys, Jimmy Osmond, Madness, Slade, Mud, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Girls Aloud and Coldplay. Producer Dione Newton
Executive producer Mark Cooper (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.30 Country Christmas

Trisha Yearwood and Amy Grant bring together some of country music's biggest stars for a night of festive classics in Nashville, Performers include Jordan Davis, Lady A, Ashley McBryde, Jon Pardi, Lindsey Stirling, the War and Treaty, Zach Williams and Lainey Wilson. See page 110. (S) (HD)

#### 9.10 George Michael: Live in London

Footage of the singer/songwriter's two shows at Earls Court in August 2008, which were part of his record-breaking 25 Live tour. The artist performs renditions of his most popular hits to a sell-out crowd, including I'm Your Man, Everything She Wants, Careless Whisper, Faith, Freedom! '90, Too Funky, A Different Corner, Amazing and Outside. See page 111. Director Andy Morahan (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.20 Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour

With live and behind-the-scenes footage from Madonna's global tour, which ran from September 2015 until March 2016, this show features recent hits and classic songs, including Living for Love, Material Girl, Holiday and an acoustic version of Like a Prayer. Directors Jamie King, Danny B Tull and Nathan Rissman (R) (S) (HD)

1.20am Top of the Pops: Christmas 1984 The 1984 Christmas Day edition, including Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Howard Jones and Duran Duran, Shown vesterday 7pm (S)

2.20-3.40am Elizabeth R 6/6. Sweet England's Pride. An elderly Elizabeth instructs the Earl of Essex to quell the threat of an Irish uprising. But will she have to deal with a rebellion closer to home? Vivian Pickles Mary, Queen of Scots Sir Amyas Paulet Sir Anthony Babington Hamilton Dyce David Collings Bernard Holley Gilbert Gifford Thomas Phelippes David Nettheim William Davison John Graham John Ballard David Garfield Richard Topcliffe Brian Wilde Malcolm Hayes Sir Edward Kelley Dr John Dee Raf De La Torre John Savage James Culliford John Whitgift John Ruddock Jester King Philip II of Spain Ian Calvin Peter Jeffrey Sir Francis Drake Robert Devereux John Woodvine Robin Ellis Christopher Hancock Juan de Idiaquez Santa Cruz Geoffrey Wincott

Sir Robert Cecil Sir Francis Bacon Hugh Dickson John Nettleton Sir Walter Raleigh Nicholas Selby Egerton Earl of Southampton Peter Egan Sir Christopher Blount Hayden Jones O'Neill Patrick O'Connell

More cast Wednesday (R) (S) (HD)

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#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

11.15am-12.15pm Homes under the Hammer: properties being sold at auction in Buckinghamshire and Norfolk

#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

7.00pm The Seven **7.30** Sportscene: Championship Live: Queen's Park v Dundee United (kick-off 7.45) 10.00 Still Game 10.30 Michelle McManus: All This Time 11.30-12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

#### **STV**

1.20-3.00am Night Vision **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

#### **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

6.30pm ITV Evening News; Weather 7.00-7.30 Border Life

#### **BBC1 WALES**

9.30-10.00pm Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop – Shirley Bassey Special: the star's career-defining moments 10.40 Two Doors Down 11.10 Bad Education: a Christmas Carol 11.40 The Cleaner 12.10am FILM: Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie 1.45-6.00 BBC News

#### **ITV1 WALES**

6.30pm ITV Evening News: Weather 7.00-7.30 Welsh Lives: the Theatr Felinfach in Ceredigion, and their latest panto

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

## FRIDAY Freeview

#### Channel 5





#### The Madame Blanc Mysteries 9.00pm Truth mirrors fiction for Jean

5.40am Milkshake! See page 116 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.15pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.00 5 News (S) (HD)

1.05 A Very Yorkshire Christmas ★★ Romantic drama. An opera singer is stranded in a remote village at Christmas. Director Steven Nesbit (2019) (S) (W) (HD)

2.55 Jingle Bell Princess ★★ Romance. A princess poses as an ordinary citizen. Director Don McBrearty (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 4.40pm Sherlock Holmes ★★★★

Period mystery thriller. Sherlock Holmes thinks he has seen the back of serial killer Lord Blackwood - but then the villain apparently returns from the dead. Review page 117. Sherlock Holmes Robert Downey Jr Dr John Watson Jude Law Rachel McAdams Lord Blackwood Mark Strong Eddie Marsar Inspector Lestrade Director Guy Ritchie (2009, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from the Strongman Classic, the third event of the Giants Live series held at the Royal Albert Hall in London Directors James Rowat and Colin Bryce (S) (HD) **7.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD)

8.00 The Toy Hospital

**Ep 5.** Dr Charlotte is faced with the most serious burns victim of her career in the shape of a 1970s April Showers doll that was left on a wood burner. Also under repair is a 1940s mechanical shoe-shining Panda. See p110. Directors Steph Brunzel-Roberts, Steve Coward and Dan Cross (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 The Madame Blanc Mysteries

As Christmas approaches, Judith and Jeremy have arranged for their friends to attend a murder mystery night. But as a terrible storm arrives. events take a deadly turn. See page 111. Jean White Dom Hayfield Sally Lindsay Steve Edge Judith Lloyd-James Sue Holderness Jeremy Lloyd-James Robin Askwith Gloria Beauchamp Sue Vincent George Layton

Writers Sally Lindsay and Sue Vincent Producer Jake Rollins (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 The Bodyguard ★★★

Romantic thriller. A former secret Romantic thriller. A former seed as serviceman is asked to safeguard a superstar singer who has been receiving death threats. Review page 117.

Kevin Costner Whitney Houston Rachel Marron Gary Kemp Bill Cobbs Devaney Director Mick Jackson (1992, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.30am Celebs at Christmas: How Do They Do It? (R) (S) (HD) **1.25** Casino (S) (HD) **3.25** The Yorkshire Vet at Christmas: It's a Wonderful Life (R) (S) (HD) **4.15** The Funny Thing about Christmas (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.05** Friends (R) (S) (HD) **5.25–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### BBC3

Canada's Drag Race 9.00pm Brad

Fantasy comedy starring Robert Downey Jr. In 19th-century England, Dr John Dolittle lives with animals as his

only company. But when Queen Victoria

cure. On iPlayer for 25 days. **Review p67.** Director Stephen Gaghan (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Sunday BBC1

falls ill, he embarks on a quest to find a

8.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand

Day Out The animated duo take a trip

Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Canada's Drag Race

in a lip sync tournament. A box set of

previous series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.00 Cyrano \*\*\*

11.55 Some Girls

ITV2

to the Moon when their cheese runs out. Shown Sat 5.15pm BBC1 (not Scotland) (S) (AD) (HD)

6/9 Series 4. The gueens battle each other

Period musical drama starring Peter Period musical urania scennia Dinklage. Swordsman and poet Cyrano

is too shy to declare his love for his friend,

Roxanne. She, meanwhile, is besotted with

Cyrano's handsome new recruit, Christian.

On iPlayer for 27 days. **Review page 87.** Director Joe Wright (2021, 12A) (S) (W) (HD) Shown Tuesday 10pm BBC2

12.25am 2/6. The girls head to a music

festival. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55 Charlotte in Sunderland: double bill (S)

(HD) **1.55** Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne (S) (HD) **2.40** Jobless (S) (HD) **2.50–3.50am** 

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret

Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

12 noon Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

**1.00pm** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show:

Christmas Special (S) (AD) (HD) 3.05 FILM

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Jordan

Rio ★★★★ Animated comedy adventure (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **5.00** Dinner Date (S) (HD)

Banjo, Helen George and Harry Redknapp try to guess the well-known phrases from clues,

in this festive edition of the quiz. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes: Celebrity** 

**Christmas Special** Shirley Ballas, Vogue Williams and Spencer Matthews compete for

a chance to win £30,000 for charity. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 11. The Belchers get an unexpected invitation. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Series 12. Gene breaks an extremely rare

Christmas record from the 1970s. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 FILM Pitch Perfect \*\* Musical

Beca signs up to become part of the college's

all-female a cappella group, the Barden Bellas. Determined to outshine them are their male counterparts, the Treblemakers. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**11.10 Family Guy** Series 16. Peter loses his festive spirit and is visited by ghosts of

Christmases past, present and future. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.40** Series 18. Stewie tries to create a

machine to help him remain clever. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am American Dad!: double bill (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am American Dad:: double bili (S) (AD) (HL 1.15 The Stand Up Sketch Show: a christmas special (S) (HD) 1.45 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.25 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.15 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

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comedy starring Anna Kendrick, New girl

Some Girls: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

**1/6** Series 3. Rocky tells Viva he is dropping out of school. (S) (AD) (HD)

Goreski watches a lip sync battle

7.00pm Dolittle ★





Doc Martin 8.00pm The grumpy GP has the grotto closed down

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** George & Mildred (S) 9.05 Wycliffe: Series 5. Time Out A prostitute's client confesses to murder: 10.15 Feeding the Rat. A climber dies mysteriously (S) (HD) **11.20** Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Cornish Mystery. A client who suspects she is being poisoned is found dead (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25pm Heartbeat: 15/15. A kidnapping case takes an unexpected turn (S) (AD) **1.30** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Diane seems reluctant to confide in Jack, then Sadie makes an attempt to heal the rift with Jimmy (S) **2.30** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Karen prepares for her wedding, then Tracy tries to reclaim her daughter (S) (AD) **3.30** Midsomer Murders: Series 10. Dance with the Dead. The detectives investigate a suspicious death Repeated 12.05am (S) (AD)

#### 5.25pm Downton Abbey

8/9 Series 2. The wedding approaches and excitement is in the air. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

**1/17** Series 6. PC Rowan begins to take part in village life again. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Doc Martin

9/9 Series 10. Christmas special from 2022. Mrs Tishell finds herself under the mistletoe with the doctor. (S) (HD)

#### 9.30 Grantchester

Series 3. Christmas special from 2016. When a man is found dead, it reminds Geordie of an old unsolved case (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.05 Law & Order: UK

5/6 Series 5. Intent. Ronnie and Matt struggle to find a motive for the brutal killing of David and Elaine Lerner. (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.05am** Midsomer Murders Shown 3.30pm (S) (AD) **2.00** Wycliffe: Series 5. On Offer Charles reassesses his future; **3.05** *Standing Stone*. An ancient legend has latter-day repercussions (S) (SL) (HD) **4.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot: *Dead Man's Mirror.* An art dealer is murdered (S) (AD) (HD) 4.55 Never the Twain: Simon stands in the local election: 5.20 Simon has a secret pen-pal (S) 5.50-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Dramatic Finishes: horse racing finishes (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.05 The Sweeney (S) (SL) 8.10 The Champions (S) 9.15 Robin of Sherwood (S) 10.25 Magnum, PI (S) (HD) 11.30 BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.30pm The Champions (S) 1.35 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** BattleBots: Hypershock faces Bite Force (S) (HD)

6.55pm The Best of Saint and Greavsie Jimmy Greaves shares his love of rugby, and a meeting with Britain's oldest footballer. (S) (HD) 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special

Su Pollard, Jordan Banjo, AJ Odudu and Jonathan Ross take part for charity. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM The A-Team ★★ Action adventure based on the popular 1980s TV series. Four American soldiers are wrongly sent to prison, so decide to escape and begin an effort to clear their names. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.25 New. All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Hard-hitting action from the world of All Elite Wrestling, featuring world-class talent. (S) (HD) 1.20am Minder: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) 3.10 Driving Force (S) (HD) 5.05 The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) 5.35–6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

#### Drama





Call the Midwife 2.20pm A toddler's behaviour concerns Sister Julienne

**7.25am** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.20** Doctors: double bill. A patient shuns her husband, then Marc receives a birthday surprise **9.40** Classic Holby City: Arthur and Dominic's feud compromises a patient's care Repeated 2.25am (S) (HD) **11.00** Casualty: a boy with cerebral palsy is admitted (S)

**12 noon** The Bill: Gabriel causes a stir at Kerry's funeral **1.00pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Keith Miller learns not to get on the wrong side of Dennis, then Rosie Miller's birthday BBQ brings the whole Square out **2.20** Call the Midwife: **5/8** Series 10 Sister Julienne is concerned by a toddler's symptoms (S) (AD) (HD) 3.40 Last of the Symptoms (S) (AD) (AD) **3.40** Last of the Summer Wine: three episodes. Series 15 Welcome to Earth. Foggy, Norman and Compo meet a man waiting for visitors from outer space; **4.20** Series 16. The Man Who Nearly Knew Pavarotti. Foggy shows off his skills as a concert promoter: 5.40 Series 17 A Leg Up for Christmas. Howard tries to get fit, but ends up breaking his leg

7.00pm Last of the Summer Wine Series 17. Extra! Extra! A movie crew arrives in the village to make a film. (S)

#### 8.00 Father Brown

15/15 Series 5. The Penitent Man Flambeau is incarcerated under suspicion of murder, but he denies everything. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 1/10 Series 8. The Celestial Choir A saboteur tries to stop Kembleford winning a choir competition. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

4/8 Series 4. Nine Lives. A family feud erupts after wealthy Dorothy Hepple dies in suspicious circumstances, leaving all her worldly assets to her pet cats. Shown 7.25am (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Father Brown

2/10 Series 8. The Queen Bee. The priest investigates a beekeeper's death. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am Sister Boniface Mysteries: Sister Boniface is confronted by an impossible murder (AD) (HD) 2.25 Classic Holby City Shown 940am **3.25–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: 8/14 Series 4. Tracey goes on a diet (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

#### **ITVBe**

**6.00am** Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD) 12 noon The Big Bake: six back-to-back editions of the cooking show (S) (HD)

#### 6.00pm FILM The Christmas Planner

★★ Romance starring Kim Shaw and Sean Patrick Thomas. A blossoming new romance between single parents stalls when a man's ex-wife comes back on the scene. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM Working Girl \*\*\*\* Comedy starring Harrison Ford. Brokerage secretary Tess is determined to make her mark in Wall Street and sees an opportunity to make a name for herself. **Review page 117.** (S) (W) (HD) **10.15 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.35 Botched: Most Outrageous Celebrity Patients Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif count down the top ten most memorable

encounters with famous people. (S) (AD) (HD)

(AD) (HD) 12.35 The Cabins (S) (HD) 1.30 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 2.40 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 3.25 The Real Housewises of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Dinner Date: with Maura from London (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



## FRIDAY **22 December**

#### More4





Astrid: Murder in Paris 9.00pm Astrid has an alternative explanation

**8.55am** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures: how to create a notebook **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 1.10pm Car SOS (AD) 2.10 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) 6.55pm Escape to the Château at **Christmas** As another busy year draws to a close, Dick and Angel prepare for the festivities at Château de la Motte-Husson. They lay on an exquisite menu complete with home-made treats as the family host a traditional French Christmas for family and friends. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** lain and Jenny intend to construct a minimalist building in the walled garden of a Scottish country estate originally

conceived by architect Sir Robert Lorimer. (AD)

9.00 Astrid: Murder in Paris 5/9 Series 1 The body of a best-selling novelist is found at home in his apartment, and while Raphaelle's boss believes it to be suicide, Astrid considers alternative explanations. In French +subtitles. **10.15 24 Hours in A&E** Ranjan, 64, collided with a tree after losing control of her car. The medical team establish that she has a badly broken ankle that must be realigned. (AD) **11.15** Arthur, 92, is rushed to St George's after falling at his care home. Doctors are worried he may have a bleed on his brain. (AD)

12.15am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) 1.20

24 Hours in A&E: double bill (AD) 3.25–3.55am A Place in the Sun: in Antequera, Spain

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### E4

**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown Tue/Wed (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

(AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 13/24**Series 7. Sheldon is forced to take a holiday. (AD) **6.30** 14/24. Howard and Raj buy fake passes from a stranger for Comic-Con. (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** Tony uses the festive spirit to try and help a struggling friend. (AD) 7.30 Young Sheldon 16/22 Series 5
Sheldon dips his toe in the stock market. (AD)
8.00 Modern Family 6/24 Series 2. Cameron is reminded of a traumatic childhood. 8.30 7/24. Claire and Haley fall ill. 9.00 New. Made in Chelsea: Sydney Liv starts having doubts about her relationship.

10.00 Gogglebox Festive Special Opinions on 2020's biggest Christmas TV shows. (AD) **11.35 Naked Attraction** Singletons from Bristol and Basingstoke choose dates. (AD) **12.40am** A forensics student from Oxford hopes to find his ideal partner in crime. (AD) **1.45** Married at First Sight Australia **3.05** Made in Chelsea: Sydney (SL) **4.00** Modern Family: double bill **4.50–6.00am** Baby Daddy

**E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Edinburgh Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Yorkshire Exorcist 10.00 New. A Ghost Ruined My Life 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 as 4pm 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**



How the Beatles Changed the World 9.00pm Rarely seen archive footage

**6.00am** Cirque du Soleil: Zaia **7.00 New.** Peter and the Wolf **8.30** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected: double bill **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **10.30** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall **12.15pm** Laurel and Hardy: Their Lives and Magic (AD) **2.00** Cirque du Soleil: Volta **4.15** FILM Sherlock Holmes in Dressed to Kill \*\*
Crime mystery starring Basil Rathbone (BW) (W) **5.40 New.** Kinky Boots: a performance of the musical in which Charlie attempts to save the family shoe factory by creating a line of sexy footwear modelled by a vivacious drag queen with perfect feet

8.00pm New. Guy Garvey: from the Vaults In this special festive episode, Guy celebrates the songs and artists that lit up TV screens at Christmas across the 1970s and 80s.

9.00 How the Beatles Changed the World Through exclusive interviews and a wealth of rarely seen footage, this film reveals the previously untold story of how four young men from Liverpool transformed the world. 11.15 George Harrison: Living in the Material World Martin Scorsese's documentary tracing Harrison's early life in Liverpool, the Beatles' first gigs in Hamburg,

the advent of Beatlemania, his psychedelic phase and his increasing fascination with Indian culture, both musical and spiritual. **3.05am** Down the Tracks: the Music That Influenced Bob Dylan **5.05** Discovering: Neil Young 5.30-6.00am Discovering: The Who

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven

**9.00am** Come Dine with Me (AD) **11.30** Amazing Spaces Snow and Ice Special (AD) 12.30pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.30** Château DIY at Christmas **2.30** Come Dine with Me: from Hastings **5.00** Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts: tips for leftovers (AD) 6.00pm A Place in the Sun Two brothers

go house-hunting in Almería. Spain 7.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Chippenham, Wiltshire, to help Tim and Sonia and their daughter Ella. Shown Wed 8pm C4 8.00 A Very Royal Christmas:

Sandringham Secrets How do the royals usually spend their Christmas when they gather at the Norfolk residence? (AD)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox Frank opinions. (AD)

10.00 FILM Men in Black 2 \*\* Sci-fi
comedy sequel starring Will Smith and Tommy

Lee Jones. An evil alien queen threatens Farth's safety, Shown Sunday 725nm C4 (AD)

11.45 Gogglebox Festive Special The armchair critics cast their eyes over the 2022 festive season's small-screen offerings. (AD) 1.15am Late Night Lycett: It's Christmas! 2.20 Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with Jimmy Carr 3.25 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown 4.20-4.50am The Snowman (AD)

**4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest

**6.00am** How Do They Do It? **6.30** New. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Outback Car Hunters 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Saved and Remade Workshop 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters Celebrity Special **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Minute by Minute: Emergency 10.00 New series. Border Control: Spain 11.00 How Do They Do It?

12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Outback Car Hunters 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





Secrets of the London Underground 8.00pm Greenwich Power Station

6.10am Underground Worlds (AD) 8.00 Abandoned Engineering (AD) 10.00 The World at War 11.00 Secret Nazi Bases

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers and Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases: the island of Villa Winter **5.00** The World at War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo learns how mountaineering became fashionable. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Two pistols, a tea caddy and a picture of actress Sarah Bernhardt are valued at Lyme Park in Cheshire.

8.00 Secrets of the London Underground

Tim Dunn and Siddy Holloway visit the cathedral-like Greenwich Power Station. (AD) 9.00 Bangers and Cash A rare Honda S800 sports car takes Derek's fancy and a couple of Ford Capris go head to head. 10.00 The Mathewsons sell a 1958 Bedford D122 and a 1969 Vanden Plas Princess, and meet a collector with 220 cars. 11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring
Yongma Land – a South Korean dreamland
given a second life from an unlikely source. (AD)
12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys

1.00-3.00am Underground Worlds (AD) Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

### Dave



**7.10am** Mega Air **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Outback Pilots: Chris fights fire with fire **11.00** Rick Stein's India (AD)

12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm

Top Gear (AD) **5.00** Soapbox Race 6.00pm Rick Stein's India Rick learns the art of temple cooking in Tamil Nadu. (AD) 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons take part.

7.40 With YolanDa Brown, the Rev Kate
Bottley, Joel Dommett and John Thomson.

8.20 Would | Lie to You? Previously unseen material featuring celebrities including Gemma Cairney, AJ Odudu, Sara Pascoe, Sindhu Vee and Claudia Winkleman. **9.00 QI XL** Festive special from 2010, with Daniel Radcliffe, Graham Norton and Lee Mack answering hocus-pocus-related questions.

10.00 FILM Harry Brown ★★★ Revenge thriller starring Michael Caine as an elderly ex-soldier who takes revenge on the thugs that murdered his best friend. (W) **12.15am** Have I Got a Bit More News for You

1.15 Richard Osman's House of Games 1.55 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 2.45–4.00am QI XL

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### **Sky Mix**

**7.00am** UK Border Force **9.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **11.00** Border Security USA (AD) **1.00pm** Nothing to Declare UK **2.00** Caught Red Handed **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise: Archer learns of a former rival's death **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: Kes gets trapped in time and is forced to live her life backwards **8.00** Caught on Dashcam: a countdown of the most spectacular crashes **9.00 New.** Rob and Romesh vs Christmas: a festive special in which the duo join the circus First shown on Sky Max (AD) **10.00** The Ultimate Christmas Movies: the best festive films ever made (AD) **11.00** Road Wars TIIMS ever made (AD) II.UM Köda wars 12 midnight Christmas Crime UK: four editions 2.00am Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets: Leicestershire Police defuse a difficult situation (AD) 3.00 Highway Patrol (AD) 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops (AD)

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 1.55pm Entertainment News 2.00 Law & Order 3.55 Entertainment News 4.00 aw & Order 5.55 Entertainment News **6.00pm** NCIS *Series 15.* Triple bill. Abby races to the hospital **7.00** A senator's son is in a critical condition **8.00** Torres and Bishop pose as criminals (AD) **9.00 FILM** Jesse Stone: Stone Cold ★★ Crime drama starring Tom Selleck. A small fishing town is shattered by a series of shootings **10.50** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11. Four episodes. 2.45am War of the Worlds 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera: with Nick Wallis 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)

+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun: double bill **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops 2.05 Police Interceptors (AD)

5.10pm FILM Under the Christmas Tree \*\* Romantic drama starring Elise Bauman.
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Dr Daniel Caris prepares to perform a procedure on a patient's troublesome growth. (AD)
8.00 Shoplifters: at War with the Law

Security guard Lewis receives a call from a store that needs urgent assistance. 9.00 FILM Ocean's 8 \*\* Crime caper starring Sandra Bullock. After being released

from prison on parole, con artist Debbie Ocean reunites with her old partner in crime, Lou Miller – and they immediately set about co-ordinating an audacious new heist.

11.25 FILM What Women Want \*\*\*\*
Romantic comedy starring Mel Gibson. After a freak accident, Nick Marshall discovers

can hear the thoughts of every woman **2.05am** Revenge: Victoria's future is uncertain **2.55–3.00am** Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

9.00am Trucking Hell 10.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.00** Police Interceptors: high-speed action

12 noon FILM The Naked Spur \*\*\*\*
Western directed by Anthony Mann 1.55pm
FILM Monte Walsh \*\*\* Western starring
Tom Selleck 4.00 Trucking Hell 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6.00pm Police Interceptors PC Barry Peach hunts for a man suspected of assault. 7.00 Officers stop an uninsured driver. 8.00 Mike encounters a drunk driver.

9.00 FILM Lethal Weapon 4 \*\*\* Action comedy thriller starring Mel Gibson. Los Angeles detectives Riggs and Murtaugh return to do battle with a Chinese crime syndicate smuggling immigrants into the US.

11.40 FILM Enemy Lines \*\* Second

World War thriller starring Ed Westwick and John Hannah. A crack team are sent on a deadly mission to rescue a Polish scientist kidnapped by the Nazis. English, Polish, Russian, German +subtitles.

1.30am Outback Truckers
2.35–3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.10 FILM** Room at the Christmas Inn ★★ Romantic drama (W) **11.00 FILM** Planes, Trains and Christmas Trees ★★ Romantic comedy (W) 12.45pm All Creatures Great and Small (AD) 6.55pm All Creatures Great and Small James is determined to be home for Christmas. 8.00 Steptoe and Son: 60 Years of Laughs Behind the scenes of the comedy.

9.00 FILM Steptoe and Son ★★★ Comedy based on the hit TV series about two rag-and-bone men, starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. A stag night results in Harold's engagement to a stripper. (W)

11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H Frankie and Bea fight during a dance class. 12 midnight Prisoner: Cell Block H: double bill

2.05–3.00am Forged in Fire: two smiths face off in a bid to recreate George Washington's sword 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FF 313

## FRIDAY Freeview & films



Inside the Ambulance at **Christmas** 8.00pm Hannah

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers 7.00 Wedding Valley (AD) 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 1.00pm Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 3.00 The Weakest Link 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes A kitchen, dining room, family room and music room are transformed. (AD)

7.00 New. MasterChef Junior **USA Specials** Contestants are challenged to make seasonal fare.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Simon and Fiona are called to help a pregnant woman.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A patient is rushed into St George's with a life-threatening aortic aneurysm. 10.00 A patient is brought in having broken his leg while playing American football.

11.00 Gavin & Stacey The 2008 festive special of the comedy. (AD) 12.25am The Catherine Tate Show: triple bill **2.05–3.00am** Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### **HGTV**

7.00am The Weekend Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect 12 noon The Weekend Workshop **1.00pm** Fixer to Fabulous (AD) **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** Best in Miniature **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing 8.00 New. White House Christmas 2022: festive decor in the White House 9.00 My Lottery Dream Home: Holiday Extravaganza 10.00 Fixer to Fabulous (AD) 11.00 White House Christmas 2021 12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect: in Whitley Bay 1.00am The Weekend Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

#### **London Live**

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8 6.00am Secrets of London with Mark Monroe **6.15** Nanny McPhee **8.00** Bleak House **9.15** Dear John 10.00 The Bizarre Pet Vets 11.00

A Bit of a Do 12.15pm Ainslev's Gourmet Express 1.00 Clash of the Santas 2.55 FILM Champions 5.00 My Greek Odyssey 6.00pm London Live News 7.00 Monkey **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 8.45 London Districts 9.00 Murder in Suburbia 10.00 Cambridge Spies 11.20 FILM Keep the Aspidistra Flying

\*\*\* Period romantic comedy

1.25am FILM Obey \*\*\* 3.30 News
Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



Ainsley's Festive Food We **Love** 6.00pm Turkey broth

6.00am Cooking Christmas with Matt and Lisa **7.00** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown **8.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love 9.00 Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) 10.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 11.00 Jamie's Family Christmas **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Delicious Miss Brown 1.00 Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) **2.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love **3.00** Jamie's Family Christmas 4.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **5.30** Delicious Miss Brown **6.00pm** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love **7.00** Jamie's Best Ever Christmas (AD) **8.00** Jamie's Family Christmas 9.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 10.00 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **11.00 New.** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown: the remaining teams build inventive snow forts for a snowball battle 12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **2.00–3.00am** Cake Wars Christmas: Ultimate Christmas Front Yard

#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder: double bill. A serial killer commits a murder every hour, then a car-crash victim is attracted to Jesse 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill, Jessica becomes embroiled with voodoo, then an opera singer is accused of murder **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeannie overhears Jeff talking to Marty 10.00 The Persuaders!: Danny and Brett are tricked into investigating a murder on the Côte d'Azur **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M\*A\*S\*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 1.00pm A Stranger in My Home 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: double bill. Donal MacIntyre explores the death of Vitalija Baliutaviciene, then he examines the case of a murderer known as the "canal killer 7.00 Judge Judy: 14 editions of real-life small-claims cases 1.00am Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files **3.00** A Stranger in My Home **4.55–6.00am** Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

**BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America 84



The Beatles: Made on **Merseyside** 6.35pm The band

6.00am The Lie Detector 7.00 Your Brain 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.55 Vikings: the Rise and Fall 9.55 The Beatles: Made on Merseyside 11.45 Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty Experiment 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti 1.30 Vikings: the Rise and Fall **2.30** The Beatles: Made on Merseyside **4.20** Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty Experiment 5.35 Vikings: the Rise and Fall

6.35pm The Beatles: Made on Merseyside The emergence of the Merseybeat sound.

8.30 Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty **Experiment** The details of Operation Commando Sabre.

9.45 Killing Escobar The story

of a Scottish mercenary hired to kill drug lord Pablo Escobar. **12 midnight** Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty Experiment **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **2.40** Killing Escobar **4.25** Your Brain **5.25–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only)

Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal 6.25 Egypt's Unexplained Files **12.10pm** Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid Builders: six back-to-back editions 6.00 Close Encounters: double bill. A saucer-shaped object rises out of a lagoon, then a police officer who claims to have had an unusual experience 7.00 UFOs Declassified: investigating the sighting of a UFO by a pilot in 1957 **8.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: an alien abduction reported in the UK in 1980 **9.00** UFO Conspiracy: Hunt for the Truth **11.00** Top Secret UFO Projects Declassified 12 midnight Close Encounters Down Under: from New South Wales **1.00am**Close Encounters **2.00** Paranormal:
Caught on Camera **3.00** Haunted
Hospitals **3.45** Ghost Hunters **4.35** Barter Kings **5.00–6.00am** Hardcore Pawn Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **3.30pm** Sign2Win (AD) **4.00** Bullseye **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: Dancing on Ice judge Karen Barber, presenter Dick Strawbridge, Coronation Street actress Catherine Tyldesley and comedian Russell Kane must work together to outwit one of the resident experts 9.00 The Chase: hosted by Bradley Walsh 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 11.00 Bullseve 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD)
5.00-6.00am The Crystal Maze

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## CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Milkshake! Fantastic Foxes: Their Secret World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Fig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40
Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam
7.00 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!
7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.30
Pip and Posy 7.40 The Adventures of
Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 New. Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chip and Potato 8.55 Peppa Pig 9.05–9.15am Milkshake! Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p114

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.00 Octonauts 8.15 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50
Peter Rabbit 8.00 Cotonauts 8.15
Octonauts Specials 8.40 Numberblocks
8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cope's
Popcast 9.00 Bing 9.05 Yakka Deel
9.10 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25
Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45
Something Special 10.00 My Petsaurus
10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler
Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga
Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55
Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go
for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast
11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our
Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook
12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog
12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's
Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel
1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks
1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster
1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something
Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05
Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25
Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45
Maddie's Do You Know? 3.00 Andy's
Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 Maddie's Do You Know? **3.00** Andy's Safari Adventures **3.10** Our Family **3.15** Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15
New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30
Love Monster 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00
Dog Squad 4.10 The Game Catchers
4.20 Bluey 4.35 Supertato 4.45 Go
Jetters 4.55 Andy and the Band:
Songs 5.25 Nick Cope's Popcast
5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon
and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the
Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm New.
CBeebies Bedtime Stories

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CBeebies Bedtime Stories

**CBBC 7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennits & Gnasher Unleashed! **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzy and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.35** Andy and the Band **9.50** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **9.55** So Awkward **10.25** Diddy Bits **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bittesize Daily: 10-11 Year Olds **11.20** Seriously Raleigh 10-11 Year Olds 11.20 Seriously Raleigh 11.30 Super Mood Movers 11.35 Our Boarding School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 1.30 Grizzy and the Unleashed! 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Almost Never 2.55 The Zoo 3.05 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Dodger 5.00 New. Blue Peter 5.30 Gangsta Granny Strikes Again! 6.30 Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas 6.35–7.00pm The Next Step

**CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### **ITV Kids**

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.30-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

**9.00am** Chloe's Closet **9.15** Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

### **FILMS**

#### Film4

Н **11.00am Alpha** ★★★ A young warrior and his wolf companion face terrifying foes and harsh conditions in this familiar prehistoric survival tale. Kodi Smit-McPhee (2017, 12) (S)

12.55pm Megamind ★★★★ Clever animated comedy that sees a supervillain create a new superhero. Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt (2010, PG) (S) (AD) 2.50 Tooth Fairy ★★★ Energetic

and fun fantasy comedy in which a washed-up ice hockey star has to spend a week as a tooth fairy. Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd (2009, PG) (S) (AD) **4.55 Bumblebee** ★★★ Fun-filled, 1980s-set spin-off from the

Transformers sci-fi action franchise. Hailee Steinfeld, John Cena (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

7.10pm Skyscraper ★★★ Exciting but outlandish action adventure in which Dwayne Johnson attempts to save his family from a towering inferno. Review, right. (2018, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Deadpool 2 ★★★★ Ryan Reynolds is back as the mutant in a superior seguel that sees him assemble a team of superheroes to save a mutant boy. (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.20 Anna and the Apocalypse ★★★ Graduating teens deal with a zombie outbreak in this comedy horror musical. Ella Hunt (2017, 15) (S)

1.20-3.30am Blockers ★★★★ Raucous and refreshing comedy in which parents attempt to foil the party plans of their daughters. Ike Barinholtz, Leslie Mann, John Cena (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Tiger by the Tail ★ Tatty low-budget British thriller, Larry Parks, Constance Smith (1955, PG) (S) **7.40 To Dorothy, a Son** ★★ Tepid comedy about a divorcee who schemes to prevent her rich ex from having any male heirs. Shelley Winters (1954, U) (S) 9.20 The Gentleman Bandit ★★ Ralph Waite is shrewdly cast as a priest suspected of robbery in this drama based on a true story. (1981) (S) **11.20 Who Killed the Cat** \*\* A cat-killer gets her comeuppance. Mary Merrall (1966, U) (S) **1.05pm The Quiet Woman** ★ Feeble thriller. Derek Bond (1950, PG) (S)

2.30 Crown Court TV legal drama. (S) 3.00 In Suspicious Circumstances
TV drama. (\$) 4.15 Scrooge ★★ Fascinating first talking version of A Christmas Carol. Seymour Hicks (1935, U) (S) 6.00pm Worzel Gummidge TV fantasy comedy series. (S

6.30 Oliver Twist David Lean's adaptation of the Dickens novel brims with unforgettable scenes and performances, notably from Alec Guinness and Robert Newton (1948 II) (S)

9.05 The Revenge of **Frankenstein** ★★★ The Baron continues his body-part experiments in this superior spine-chiller. Peter Cushing (1958, 12) (S)

11.00 Fragment of Fear ★★ Thriller with David Hemmings investigating the murder of his aunt, Gayle Hunnicutt (1970, 15) (S)

12.55am Hands of a Stranger B-horror about a concert pianist whose hands are replaced with those of a criminal. James Stapleton, Paul Lukather (1962) (S) 2.35 The Man with the **Golden Arm** ★★★★ Trailblazing drama starring Frank Sinatra as an aspiring musician and heroin addict. Kim Novak (1955, 15) (S) **5.00–6.00am** 

Saints and Sinners TV drama. Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am Snowhound for Christmas ★ Romance. Zarrin Darnell-Martin (2019) 11.00 Christmas Angel ★★ Routine romance. Jennifer Finnigan (2015) 1.00pm Eat, Drink and Be Married ★★ A wedding planner finds love. Jocelyn Hudon, Jake Foy (2019)

2.50 Love Struck Café ★★ Tepid autumnal romance. Sarah Jane Morris, Andrew W Walker (2017) **4.45 House of Deadly Secrets** ★★ Thriller that's short on tension. Patty McCormack (2018) **6.30pm Big Fish** ★★ Tim Burton's blend of fantasy and

reality. Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney (2003, PG) 9.00 The Expendables 3 ★★★ Wisecracking, star-packed 'geriaction" thriller led by Sly Stallone. Mel Gibson, Jason Statham (2014, 12)

11.35 Drive ★★★★ Ryan Gosling is in the driver's seat for this intense and stylish crime drama. **Review** p77. Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston (2011, 18)

1.40am Hidden in Plain Sight \*\* Routine thriller. Victoria Barabas (2018) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Sinister Surrogate ★★ Predictable melodrama. (2018)

**Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles **8.30 The Desperadoes** ★★ Routine western. Randolph Scott, Glenn Ford (1943. U) **10.15** Battle of the Coral Sea ★★ Predictable war drama. Cliff Robertson (1959 PG) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Brave Warrior ★★ Western. Jon Hall, Jay Silverheels (1952, U)

2.30 Aces 'n' Eights ★★ Fast-paced western. Casper Van Dien, Bruce Boxleitne Ernest Borgnine (2008) **4.10** Wild West Chronicles **5.10 The Commandos Strike at Dawn** ★★ Plodding flagwaver. Paul Muni, Anna Lee, Lillian Gish (1942) 7.10pm Mega Shark vs Mecha Shark \* Cut-price sci-fi horror with tatty effects. Christopher Judge (2014) 9.00 The Shepherd ★★ Routine action thriller about a rogue special

forces unit. Jean-Claude Van Damme (2008, 15) 10.55 7 Seconds ★★ Confusing thriller. Wesley Snipes, Tamzin Outhwaite (2005, 15) 12.50am The Road ★★★★ Postapocalypse drama in which a man

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

and his son travel across America. Viggo Mortensen, Kodi Smit-McPhee (2009, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am A Christmas Kiss ★★ Fun romance, Laura Breckenridge (2011 10.00 Another Christmas Kiss Romcom. (2014) 12 noon Snow White Christmas ★★ Romantic drama. Michelle Randolph (2018) 2.00pm A Cinderella Christmas ★★ Reworking of the fairy tale. Emma Rigby, Peter Porte (2016) 4.00 A Fairytale Christmas ★★ Beauty and the Beast-style tale, Haylie Duff (2013)

6.00pm The Magic Stocking ★★★ Uplifting fantasy in which a widow's daughter is given a special stocking. Bridget Regan, Victor Webster (2015)

8.00 A Shoe Addict's Christmas Enjoyable fantasy. Candace Cameron Bure, Jean Smart, Luke Macfarlane (2018) 10.00 Charming Christmas ★★

Routine romance, Julie Benz (2015) 12 midnight The Perfect Christmas Village ★★ Corny fantasy comedy. Caitlin Thompson (2018) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00–5.00am A Christmas to Savour ★★ Watchable winter

heart-warmer. Britt Irvin, Zach Roerig (2021) **Great Movies Christmas Freeview** 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 **+1 F'view** 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) **F'sat** 304 **Sky** 320

#### Sky Premiere

6.35am The 12 Days of Christmas ★★ Sentimental time-loop comedy. Kelsey Grammer, Spencer Grammer (2022) 8.10 As 11.15pm 10.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★ A retiree sets out on a 500-mile hike to visit a friend. Jim Broadbent (2023, 12)

12 midday As 6.30pm 2.30pm As 11.05pm **4.45 Genie** ★★★ Festive comedy. Melissa McCarthy (2023, PG) 6.30pm 🛘 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (Part One)

\*\*\*\*\* Exhilarating animated seguel in which Miles Morales ioins a guild of spider-people. (2023, PG)

9.00 ☐ Silent Night ★★★ Action leaend John Woo directs this gripping, dialogue-free thriller about a grieving dad plotting his revenge. Joel Kinnaman, Kid Cudi (2023)

11.05 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★★ Action-packed seguel that sees Zachary Levi's superhero facing a trio of vengeful Greek goddesses. Review p47. (2023, 12)

1.20am The Machine \*\* A stay in Russia catches up with a comedian in this action romp. Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill (2023, 15) **3.30-5.30am** As 10.05am

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

#### Legend

**8.00am** Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 Biggles: Adventures in Time Leaden sci-fi. Neil Dickson (1986, PG) 1.00pm Independence Day-saster ★★ Cut-price sci-fi action. Ryan Merriman (2013) 3.00 Tremors II: Aftershocks ★★★ Surprisingly entertaining horror. Fred Ward (1995. 12) **5.00** Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space TV sci-fi drama seri 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man sci-fi series with Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Man Down ★★★ Drama starring Shia LaBeouf as a US Marine struggling to cope. (2015, 15) 10.50 Bad Samaritan ★★ Patchy. occasionally preposterous thriller.
David Tennant, Robert Sheehan, Kerry Condon (2018, 15) 12.55am Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth ★★★ A journalist is targeted

by demons. Terry Farrell, Doug Bradley (1992, 18) **2.45–4.30am The Diabolical** ★★★ An over-stretched single

mother is visited by an increasingly violent presence. Ali Larter (2015, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

#### Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Air Collision ★★ A storm puts Air Force One in danger in this action thriller, Reginald VelJohnson (2012) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Eye of the **Beast** ★★ The people of a small town battle a giant squid in this over-the-top horror, James Van Der Reek (2007) **1.00pm Mega Storm: Days of Destruction** ★★ Sci-fi disaster hriller. David Sutcliffe, Erica Cerra (2011, 12) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Ice Quake ★★ Over-talky Alaska-set disaster thriller with a ew nice touches. Brendan Fehr (2010, 12) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama

9.00 The Humanity Bureau ★★ Bland sci-fi starring Nicolas Cage as a special agent trying to protect a tyrannical employers, (2017, 15)

10.55 Jeepers Creepers ★★★★ Riveting and imaginative horror about a brother and sister who disturb an ancient demon's lair and fall foul of his reign of terror. Gina Phillips, Justin Long, Jonathan Breck (2001, 15)

1.00-3.00am As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Skv 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371 an action makeover from director Guy Ritchie, with the charismatic Robert Downey Jr

## FILM REVIEWS



DAY

P House of Gucci ★★★ 9.00-11.30pm BBC2 (starts 10.40pm in N Ireland)

**BIOPIC** Ridley Scott's sporadically enjoyable take on the Gucci family's downfall was nominated for three Baftas, including best actress for Lady Gaga. She is mesmerising as Patrizia Reggiani, who initiates a power struggle after marrying into the clan. Adam Driver (above, with Gaga) feels miscast as her husband, Maurizio, while Al Pacino brings some fire as Uncle Aldo, but Jared Leto gives a buffoonish turn as his son. The film has a suitably luxurious look, but it's Gaga who makes it worth a watch. Showing in a Ridley Scott double bill with Alien. EMMA SIMMONDS (Can/US 2021, swearing, sex scenes, HD)

#### The Bishop's Wife $\star\star\star$ 9.00-10.45am **BBC2**

**FANTASY** Cary Grant is as suave as ever here, playing an angel who descends from heaven to put the marriage of irritable bishop David Niven and Loretta Young in order, and to raise money for a church. The playing from all three stars is enjoyable and the festive setting allows Grant to trim a Christmas tree with the flick of a finger. DAVID PARKINSON (US 1947, BW. HD)

West Side Story 3.25-5.45pm **BBC2** 

MUSICAL Ten Oscars – plus a special award for Jerome Robbins's choreography adorned this electrifying version of the Leonard Bernstein/Stephen Sondheim musical, based on Romeo and Juliet. Natalie Wood is touching as Maria and Richard Beymer is the quintessence of teen yearning as her lover, Tony. *Maestro*, a new biopic about Bernstein, arrives on Netflix this week. TONY SLOMAN (US 1961, some violence, HD)

Sherlock Holmes ★★★★ 4.40-6.55pm **C5** 

THRILLER Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic creation gets as the legendary detective

and Jude Law as Watson. The views of Victorian London are as seductive as the leads, though there's little time to look between all the fights and explosions. STELLA PAPAMICHAEL (Ger/US/Aus 2009, edited for content, HD)

Skyscraper  $\star\star\star$ 7.10-9.00pm Film4

**ADVENTURE** Die Hard meets The Towering Inferno in this harebrained but exciting Hong Kong-set disaster movie. Dwavne Johnson plays a security assessor who must fight to clear his name and save his family after the world's tallest building is set ablaze by terrorists. Johnson's star charisma shines through and the stunts are truly vertigo-inducing. ALAN JONES (US 2018, edited for content HD)

Working Girl ★★★★ 8.00-10.15pm **ITVBe** 

**COMEDY** This executive-suite romp stars Melanie Griffith as the exploited secretary of Sigourney Weaver, who attempts to climb the corporate ladder and win broker Harrison Ford into the bargain. Mike Nichols's film is an easy-going treat. with the bonus of Carly Simon's Oscar-winning song Let the River Run on the soundtrack. TOM HUTCHINSON (US 1988, edited for content, HD)

The Bodyguard  $\star\star\star$ 10.00pm-12.30am **C5** 

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singer and her protector who fall in love amid a charged atmosphere of jealousy and death threats. The two stars overcome the limitations of the daft script and throw themselves into the wellorchestrated set pieces, and Houston's rendition of I Will Always Love You became an enormous hit. SUE HEAL (US 1992, violence, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

Paul ★★★

11.05pm-1.00am C4

**COMEDY** Having lampooned zombie flicks in Shaun of the Dead and cop action movies in Hot Fuzz, Simon Pegg and Nick Frost tackle sci-fi in this amusing culture-clash romp. They play comic-book nerds on a road trip in Nevada who encounter an alien called Paul

(voiced by Seth Rogen), who's trying to get to his spaceship. It's a far-out and funny trip. STELLA PAPAMICHAEL

(Fr/UK 2010, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

Alien \*\*\*\*

11.30pm-1.20am **BBC2** (not showing in N Ireland) 18

SCI-FI Ridley Scott's original "haunted house in space" thrill-ride is a bona fide classic, stunning you with shock after shock. Sigourney Weaver's breakthrough performance as Ripley deserves special mention, as does the alien design from Swiss artist HR Giger. Scott brilliantly alternates false scares with genuine jolts, creating a seamless blend of gothic horror and science fiction. AJ

#### Sky Cinema picks

(US/UK 1979, violence, swearing, HD)

Carry On Sergeant ★★★

10.45am-12.25pm

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Sky Cinema Comedy Parade-ground larks. (1958, U) Skv 308: Virgin 408: BT 508/522

Peter Rabbit ★★★

5.50-7.30pm Sky Family James Corden voices the mischievous bunny. (2017, PG) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

The Matrix Reloaded ★★★ 8.00-10.25pm Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror Stylish sci-fi sequel. (2002, 15) Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Films to stream from p42 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



#### Sky Showcase



Christmas Carole 7.30pm A modern redemption story

6.00am The Christmas Movie Countdown (AD) 7.00 The Bachelor King (AD) **8.30** BooSnoo! **8.40** Madagascar: a Little Wild **9.05 FILM** Extinct ★★★ Animated comedy adventure starring Adam Devine (W) **10.40** The Simpsons **12.10pm** The Nation's Favourite Christmas Carols **2.00** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir 3.00 Christmas at the Movies **5.00** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD)

6.00pm The Unofficial Science of Home Alone Guz Khan and James Acaster re-create booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD)

7.30 Christmas Carole Suranne Jones stars as a businesswoman who hates Christmas in this modern take on the Dickens tale. (AD)

9.00 Love Actually \*\*\*

Romantic comedy starring Hugh Grant and Emma Thompson. In London, people from various walks of life suffer the highs and lows of being in love. (AD) (W)

11.30 James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 Stand-up at the Hackney Empire. 2.00am Never Mind the Buzzcocks: a Christmas special (AD) 3.00 The Lazarus Project **4.00** Rob and Romesh vs Lapland **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Stargate SG-1 1.00pm FILM Robotanocalypse ★ Sci-fi thriller 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1

5.00pm Stargate Universe 4/20 Series 2. Chloe's behaviour causes concern among the crew, so Scott decides to search through her quarters.

**6.00 5/20.** Scott is attacked and infected by a plant-like creature while exploring a new planet.

7.00 Arctic Apocalypse \*\*

Action adventure starring Lauren Esposito and Eric Paul Erickson in which a family fights to survive the onset of a new ice age.

9.00 From 9/10 Series 2. Panic spreads through town as the residents face a chilling new threat to their survival.

10.00 10/10. Boyd fears he may have finally run out of answers as the residents prepare for the end, while Tabitha clings to the belief that the children could be the key.

11.10 Snowmageddon \*\* Sci-fi thriller starring Michael Sci-fi thriller starting micros
Hogan and David Cubitt. A snow globe left on the doorstep of the Miller family home in Normal, Alaska, proves to have devastating properties when shaken.

1.00am Dan Brown's The Lost mbol 3.00 Stargate Universe 5.00-6.00am Primeval

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



The Staircase 9.00pm Clayton makes a critical discovery

6.00am Fish Town 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.15** The Affair (AD) 3.30 True Blood

5.35pm Billions 10/12 Series 4 Connerty reconnects with a figure from his past, while Wags gets in touch with his sensitive side. (AD) **6.45 11/12.** Axe contemplates making a risky move, and Chuck launches an attack. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 5/10 Series 3. The Hound is judged by the gods, while Jaime receives a different form of justice and Robb is betrayed. (AD)

9.00 The Staircase 4/8. In 2003, tensions rise and old wounds reopen as the Petersons' eldest son Clayton returns home and unwittingly makes a discovery, (AD)

**10.15 The Gilded Age 8/8** *Series 2* Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a voung woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

11.25 Watchmen 3/9 FBI agent Laurie Blake takes over the recent murder investigation in Tulsa. Meanwhile, the Lord of the Estate draws unwelcome attention. (AD)

12.30am Tin Star: Liverpool: Angela's past catches up (AD) 1.30 Game of Thrones (AD) **3.40** In Treatment 4.10-6.00am Fish Town

**Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare 9.00 Border Security Canada's Front Line (AD) 10.00 Highway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) **1.00pm** The Rookie (AD) **2.00** FBI (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven editions of the observational documentary series following the work of customs officers at Australia's biggest airports.

8.00 Caught on Dashcam Footage of dramatic road disasters and near misses, captured on film thanks to motorists' in-vehicle dashboard cameras. (AD)

9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 19/22 Series 4. When a news anchor is shot dead in the station's car park, the task force must dive into a story she was working on in order to track down her killer.

10.00 Blue Bloods 13/16 Series 11 Jamie faces a reprimand from Frank when he refuses to explain why he contests the arrest report of a fellow officer. (AD)

11.00 The Good Doctor 9/22 Series 6. Shaun introduces a new performance rating system, sparking competition between Danica and Daniel

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Chicago Med **2.00** Road Wars **4.00** Departure: a video brings the Captain into question **5.00–6.00am** Border Security USA

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



The Unofficial Science of Home Alone 6.00pm

6.00am The Christmas Movie Countdown (AD) **7.00 FILM** Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger! ★★ Seasonal comedy starring David Tennant (W) **9.00** Rob and Romesh s Christmas on Ice (AD) 10.00 It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall 11.30 Roald and Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse (AD) 1.00pm A League of Their Own 2.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 3.00 Christmas at the Movies **5.00** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD)

6.00pm The Unofficial Science **of Home Alone** Guz Khan and James Acaster re-create booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD)

7.30 Christmas Carole A modern take on the Dickens tale, starring Suranne Jones. (AD)

9.00 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and wellbeing

11.00 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians head to Lanland for some festive tasks (AD) 12 midnight Rob and Romesh vs

Christmas: the duo join the circus (AD) 1.00am A League of Their Own: Unseen 2.00 New. The Unofficial Science of Die Hard **3.30** The Lazarus Project **4.30** Road Wars: a Christmas special **5.30–6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fr 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Highway Cops 12 noon Highway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Motorway Patrol 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19: double bill (AD) 6.00pm Merlin (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis: Dr Weir suspects there is a spy in the group **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Yeardley brutally proves that disloyalty will not be tolerated, then Henry and Winganuske clash when their daughter falls ill (AD) 11.00 FBI: when a drug dealer is shot in a federal park the team sets out to look for his killer, and Maggie's sister returns 12 midnight FBI: International 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) **5.00–6.00am** 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

6.00am Brit Cops: Law & Disorder 7.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 8.00 Highway Cops **9.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Motorway Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 Most Evil Killers (AD) 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders Indi Shocked the Nation: (AD) 7.00 Most Evil Killers 9.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer 10.00 The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 11.00 World's Most Evil Killers 12 midnight Killer in My Village
1.00am Killer Siblings 2.00 Murdered at First Sight (AD) 3.00 Road Wars
5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



Not Going Out 11.00pm Lee has a surprise visitor

7.00am Still Open All Hours **:30** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV 8.15 The Two Ronnies 9.55 Trust Morecambe & Wise 10.55 Last of the Summer Wine 1.35pm Trust Morecambe & Wise **2.35** Are You Being Served? **3.10** Keeping up Appearances **4.30** Only Fools and Horses (AD) 5.05 Trust Morecambe & Wise: love and relationships

6.05pm Only Fools and Horses The Trotters lose their millions in the 2001 Christmas special. (AD)

7.40 Dad's Army Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat.

8.20 Ghosts In the 2021 festive special, Kitty becomes convinced that Father Christmas has paid an early visit to Button House. (AD)

9.00 Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery Sian Gibson and Johnny Vegas return. Gemma and Terry investigate murders on their Christmas getaway. (AD)

11.00 Not Going Out Lee's father turns up unannounced.

11.35 The Office 2/2 The Christmas party throws up a

few surprises, not least the arrival of David Brent's date. (AD)

12.50am Ghosts (AD) 1.30 Two Doors Down **2.20** Dad's Army **2.50** Not Going Out **3.20–4.00am** Are You Being Served?

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.00pm** And Just like That... (AD) **6.45pm** And Just like That...: five episodes. Grieving Carrie puts her home up for sale after being haunted by Big's up for sale after being haunted by Big's presence 7.30 Carrie confronts her necessary hip surgery 8.15 Carrie's giant leap for her future self helps her to embrace the past, while a confession from Miranda shocks Charlotte 9.00 Carrie gets an interesting proposition from her book publisher 9.45 After coming clean to Che, Miranda considers coming clean to Che, Miranda considers a life-altering decision. Carrie attempts to learn more about her mysterious neighbour (AD) 10.30 James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 1.00am New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 2.00 The Office US 3.00 Veep: double bill (AD) 4.00–5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: two episodes

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Becker: double bill 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 11.00 Home Improvement: four episodes 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle **6.00pm** Friends: six episodes (AD) **9.00 FILM** R.I.P.D. ★★★ Supernatural rime comedy starring Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Bacon 10.55 FILM Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery \*\*\* Spy spoof with Mike Myers. Cryogenically preserved since the 1960s, British super-agent Austin Powers emerges from hibernation to do battle with his arch nemesis, Doctor Evil, Review p87 12.55am Jimmy Carr: Being Funny 1.55 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 2.55 South Park 4.15-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



Shakespeare and Hathaway: **Private Investigators** 9.00pm

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight back-to-back episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 3/24

Series 4. Sherlock offers to help his father with a problem, provided he agrees to leave New York. He and Watson also investigate the deaths of two lookalikes

8.00 Father Brown 14/15 Series 3 The priest finds himself in a seemingly impossible situation when he is told during a confession that Bishop Talbot will be assassinated tomorrow. (AD)

9.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators 10/10 Series 4. Frank and Lu are hired to unmask a "Voice in the Dark" who threatens to destroy the Christmas fair, and Sebastian faces his first solo case. (AD) 10.00 10/10 Series 1. Frank and Lu must recover a precious jewel and a rebellious teenager before midnight strikes at Lady Bede's End of Summer Ball. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 4/16 Series 4. A man's body is recovered from a car and it turns out that he spent the previous evening in Maura's company. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Death in Paradise (AD) **3.00–4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Diesel Brothers **8.00** Sewer Divers **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00pm** Outback Truckers: Chaz Butt embarks on a mission to help farmers in drought-ravaged New South Wales **8.00** Gold Rush: Parker battles to bring in his first Money Pit gold at Dominion Creek **9.00** New. How the Universe Works: how new discoveries have shed light on the history of our solar system, revealing a complex and violent story, from the birth of the sun to its eventual fate (AD) 11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: the expedition takes an intriguing turn when Bryce comes across a photo of a human-like hand with claws

12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am How the Universe Works (AD) 3.00 Gold Rush 4.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 How the Universe Works 8.00 Blowing Up History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown (AD) 8.00 Tony Robinson's World War One: an unparalleled perspective of the conflict 9.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters: Draw Pritchard discovers a barn full Drew Pritchard discovers a barn full of salvage 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Tony Robinson's World War One 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



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#### Sky Documentaries



**Lockerbie** 9.00pm Former police officer Colin Dorrance

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) 7.00 Discovering: Richard Harris (AD) 8.00 The Directors (AD) 9.00 The 2010s 10.00 The Yow (AD) 11.50 My Icon: Shaun Gayle (AD) 12 noon OPR: the Four Year Plan 1.50pm My Icon: Casey Stoney (AD) 2.00 FILM You Cannot Kill David Arquette \*\*\*\* Charting the actor's return to the wrestling ring (AD) (W) 3.50 My Icon: Natasha Jonas (AD) 4.00 The Directors (AD) 5.00 Discovering: Richard Harris (AD)

**6.00pm New. The 2010s** A look at the decade's major news stories.

**7.00 The Vow** After Keith's abuses of Dani's sister are detailed, the jury reach their verdict. (AD)

**8.50 My Icon: Pam Cookey** The former England netball captain discusses inspirational people. (AD)

**9.00 Lockerbie** A verdict is delivered, but not everyone agrees with the court's decision.

**10.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator** A woman starts an online group for others who share similar recollections.

11.00 Be Water Bruce Lee's time in Hong Kong making four films.
1.00am Williams and Mansell:
Red 5 (AD) 2.50 My Icon: Michael
Campbell (AD) 3.00 Pelosi in the House 5.00–6.00am
Discovering: Richard Harris (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Hollywood: Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS (AD) 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 3.00 Nazi Megastructures 4.00 Hurricane Apocalypse: Drain the Oceans (AD) 5.00 Car SOS (AD) 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: triple bill Investigators must determine how a freshly serviced plane was released with a fatal flaw 8.00 The crash of British European Airways flight 548 9.00 A discovery that had far-reaching effects for commercial aviation 10.00 Border Protection Spain 11.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 12 midnight Airport Security: First Class 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory Wat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 41 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 D-Day: the Light of Dawn 11.00 Secrets in the Ice 12 noon Rust Valley Restorers 2.00pm Revaeled: the Hunt for Bin Laden 4.00 The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00pm American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 Ancient Aliens 9.00 New. Hitler's Engineers 10.00 New series. Traitors: exploring stories of betrayal, starting with Russian spy Dmitri Polyakov, who was executed for being a ClA informant 11.00 Secret Wars Uncovered

12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Evil Genius with Russell Kane 3.00 Ancient Aliens 4.00–6.00am Rust Valley Restorers

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



**Dawn to Dusk** 11.00pm A look at the lives of fiddler crabs

6.00am OI Pejeta Diaries 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Patagonia (AD) 9.00 New Kids in the Wild 10.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 11.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD) 12 noon Beasts of the Big Blue (AD) 1.00pm Monkey Life 2.00 Patagonia (AD) 3.00 New Kids in the Wild 4.00 Into the Wild: Colombia 5.00 Dawn to Dusk (AD)

**6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue** The wildlife of the Three Kings Islands, a group of 13 uninhabited islands near New Zealand. (AD)

**7.00 Monkey Life** Double bill. Daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset.

**8.00 Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride**Julz runs into a showdown
between lions and hyenas, and
Henry visits the Kakumbi den.

**9.00 Whale with Steve Backshall** A look at whales with the longest migratory journeys.

**10.00 Beasts of the Big Blue** As 6pm.

**11.00 Dawn to Dusk** Wildlife in the tropical Pacific, including Komodo dragons and fiddler crabs. (AD)

12 midnight Shark Squad 1.00am Rare Survivors: China's Iconic Wildlife (AD) 2.00 Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride 3.00 Whale with Steve Backshall 4.00 Patagonia (AD) 5.00–6.00am New Kids in the Wild

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am Planet Earth (AD) 1.00pm
Planet Earth II (AD) 4.00 Planet Earth: four editions. Woodlands around the world 5.00 Varied species in the world's tropical rainforests 6.00 The epic journey of a humpback whale and its calf 7.00 The survival techniques used by creatures inhabiting deep oceans (AD) 8.00 Planet Earth II: triple bill. Wildlife that inhabits remote islands, including three-toed sloths and nesting albatrosses 9.00 Animals that live in mountain ranges, including rival snow leopards 10.00 Footage of animals and plants living in jungles, one of the hardest environments in which to thrive (AD) 11.00 Planet Earth (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Planet Earth (AD) 3.00 Planet Earth II (AD) 5.30—6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

#### **Animal Planet**

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 The Zoo 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Legends of the Wild: Damian Duffy and Matt Hoffman trek into some of the world's most dangerous areas (AD) 9.00 When Turkeys Attack: incidents of violence mounted by the birds, featuring amateur footage and first-hand accounts 10.00 Edge of Alaska 11.00 Meet the Orangutans 12 midnight Meet the Penguins 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00–5.00am Tanked

**Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

**Sky** 401 **Virgin** 511/HD 501 **EE** 420/HD 440 **6.00am** Sky Sports News

**8.00 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Sydney Sixers v Adelaide
Strikers at Sydney Cricket Ground. **11.45** My Icon (AD)

12 noon Total Football
12.30pm LIVE World Darts The

afternoon session on day eight. **4.30** Total Football **5.00** Sky Sports News

7.00 LIVE Premier League Football Aston Villa v Sheffield United at Villa Park (kick-off 8.00)

10.00 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day eight.
11.00 Sky Sports News

**11.30 LIVE American Football** The Gasparilla Bowl at Raymond James Stadium (kick-off **11.30**).

**3.00am** Sky Sports News **4.00-7.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder from Albury.

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442
6.00am Classic Play-Offs (AD) 9.00
EFL Greatest Games 10.00 League
Cup Retro (AD) 12 noon Women's
Championship 12.30pm German
Football 1.30 League Cup Highlights
2.30 Championship Highlights 3.00
Women's Championship Show 3.30
Championship Highlights 4.00 German
Football 5.00 Championship Highlight
6.30
German Football 7.30 Championship

6.00 Women's Championship 6.30 German Football 7.30 Championship Highlights 8.30 German Football 9.30 EFL Highlights 10.30 A League of Their Own (AD) 11.30 EFL Greatest Games 1.00am (AD) 11.30 EFL Greatest Games

1.00am Championship Retro 3.00 League Cup Retro 5.00–6.00am EFL Trophy Football (AD)

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin  $515/\mathrm{HD}~505~\mathrm{EE}~424/\mathrm{HD}~444$ 

6.00am LPGA Tour Golf 2.30pm Women's PGA Championship 4.30 Women's Open 6.30 LPGA Tour Golf 7.30 Ryder Cup: Official Films 9.00 Legends Tour Golf 10.00 Rose Ladies Series 11.00 Ladies European Tour 12.30-6.00am LPGA Tour Golf

#### **Sky Sports Mix**

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

**7.30–10.00pm LIVE British Basketball League** Sheffield
Sharks v Bristol Flyers from Park
Community Arena (tip-off **7.45**).

#### **Viaplay Sports**

**7.30–9.35pm LIVE United Rugby Championship** Glasgow
Warriors v Edinburgh (kick-off **7.35**); **7.30** Ulster v Connacht from
Ravenhill Stadium (kick-off **7.35**).

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 7.00am Winter Sport 9.20 LIVE Freestyle Skiing World Cup moguls from Georgia; 11.00 Ski cross from Italy, day two.

12.30pm Olympic Games
12.40 LIVE Cyclo-Cross Exact
Cross in Belgium, women's race.
1.45 Olympics: the Olympians

**1.55 LIVE Cyclo-Cross** Exact Cross in Belgium, the men's race. **3.15** Alpine Skiing **4.30 LIVE Alpine Skiing** World

Cup, men's slalom, the first run.

6.15 Winter Sport

7.30 LIVE Alpine Skiing World
Cup, men's slalom, second run.

Cup, men's slalom, second run.
8.45 Freestyle Skiing 9.45 Sofia
Goggia: Best of Downhill 10.00
Freestyle Skiing 11.00 Sailing
12 midnight-2.00am Climbing



## Premiership Rugby Union 7.00pm TNT Sports 1 Sale

Sharks wingman Arron Reed

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 6.00am Premier League Football 10.00 Total Football 5.00pm 100 Club (AD) 5.30 Premier League Highlights 6.00 Stories 6.30 The Big Interview 7.00 LIVE Premier League

Football Aston Villa v Sheffield United at Villa Park (kick-off 8.00). 10.45 Class of 92 11.45 Greatest Games (AD) 12 midnight Highlights 12.30am The Big Interview 1.00 Premier League Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30–6.00am 100 Club (AD)

#### **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Best of the World T20 (AD)
6.45 Big Bash League Highlights
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League
Cricket Sydney Sixers v Adelaide
Strikers at Sydney Cricket Ground.
11.45 International One-Day Cricket
12.45pm Best of the World T20 (AD)
1.15 Best of the Big Bash (AD)
2.00 International One-Day Cricket
3.00 Big Bash League Highlights
7.00 Best of the World T20 (AD)
8.00 Big Bash League Highlights
10.00 Big Bash League Highlights

**4.00-7.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder from Albury.

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL 12 noon Good Morning
Football 3.00pm NFL Highlights 4.00
NFL Gameday 4.30 NFL Bitesize 5.00
NFL Highlights 6.00 Pro-Football Talk
8.00 Bitesize 8.15 49 Hours 8.30
Gameday 9.00 Highlights 10.00 49
Hours 10.15 Bitesize 10.30 Gameday
11.00 49 Hours 11.15 NFL Bitesize
11.30 LIVE American Football
Gasparilla Bowl (kick-off 11.30).
3.00-6.00am NFL

#### Sky Darts

**Sky** 408 **Virgin** 518/HD 508 **EE** 427/HD 447 **6.00am** World Darts

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day eight. 4.30 World Darts 5.00 The Taylor Years 5.30 Darts Gold (AD) 7.00 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day eight. 11.00 The Greatest Final

## 11.30-6.00am World Darts Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.00am Olympics 7.00 Climbing
8.00 Superbikes 10.00 Snooker
12 noon Speedway 2.00pm
Supercross 4.00 British Superbikes
6.00 Formula E 8.00 Superbikes
10.00 Climbing 11.00 Freestyle
Skiing 1.00–2.00am Motor Racing

#### **TNT Sports 1**

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

**6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket** Northern Brave v
Central Stags, the men's match. **8.00** Premier League: the Big
Interview **8.30** Reload

8.45 LIVE Australian Football Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets, men's A-League (kick-off 8.45), 10.45 French Football (AD) 11.45 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 12.15pm Premier League Reload 12.30 NBA (AD) 1.00 Tennis 2.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 3.00 Europa League Magazine (AD) 3.00 Europa League Magazine 4.00 International T20 Cricket Highlights 5.00 The Fantasy Show 5.30 Australian Football 6.30 Premier League Preview

7.00 LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Sale Sharks v Saracens at Community Stadium (kick-off 7.45). 10.00 Stand Up Kickabout 10.30 NBA (AD) 11.00 Wrestling (AD)

**1.00am LIVE Wrestling** WWE. **3.00** Premier League Preview **3.30** Australian Football

**4.30–6.30am LIVE Australian** Football Wellington Phoenix v Western Sydney, men's A-League.

#### **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Western United v Perth Glory, A-League Women (ko 6.00); 8.00 Sydney FC v Brisbane Roar, A-League Women (kick-off 8.00). 10.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 11.00 Europa League Magazine 12 noon Champions League Football (AD) 1.00pm Classic Premier League (AD) 2.00 French Football (AD) 3.00 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 3.30 Premier League Netbusters (AD) 4.00 Premier League: the Big Interview 5.00 Inside Serie A

(AD) 4.30 Premier League: the Big Interview 5.00 Inside Serie A 5.30 LIVE Italian Football Empoli v Lazio (kick-off 5.30); 7.30 Salernitana v AC Milan at Stadio Arechi (kick-off 7.45). 9.45 UFC 12.45am UFC 1.45 Badminton (AD) 2.00 Basketball 3.00 LIVE NBA Golden State Warriors v Washington Wizards. 5.30–6.00am Premier League Preview

### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Basketball 7.00 Wrestling (AD) 9.00 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 9.30 Premier League Classics (AD) 10.00 Badminton 12 noon Champions Cup Rugby Union 1.00pm Fishing (AD) 2.00 Badminton (AD) 2.15 What I Wish I Wore 2.30 Ariel Helwani Meets 3.00 Wrestling (AD) 4.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 5.00 NBA (AD)

**5.30 LIVE Italian Football**Sassuolo v Genoa (kick-off **5.30**). **7.30** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **7.45 LIVE Italian Football** 

7.45 LIVE Italian Footbar Monza v Fiorentina (kick-off 7.45). 9.45 International T20 Cricket 10.45 Tennis 11.45 Stand Up Kickabout 12.15am Premiership Rugby Union 11.15 Premier League Preview

1.45 LIVE Australian Football Wellington Phoenix v Newcastle Jets, A-League Women (ko 1.45). 3.45 UFC 4.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 5.00–6.00am Rugby Union

#### **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am International One-Day Cricket
7.00 Rugby Union 8.00 Fishing (AD)
9.00 Test Cricket 11.00 MotoGP
12 noon World Rally (AD) 1.00pm
NBA 3.00 MotoGP 4.00 Test Cricket
6.00 International One-Day Cricket
8.00 NBA: Oklahoma v LA Clippers
9.30–6.30am LIVE International
One-Day Cricket New Zealand
V Bangladesh from McLean Park.

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The Essay: The Story of Puddings Monday-Friday 10.45pm Radio 3

N THE FAMILIAR sequence of pleasures enjoyed by so many of us on Christmas Day, the most spectacular is probably the arrival of the plum pudding. Even the torrent of festive chatter and cracker jokes subsides for a moment when the dark, solid, glistening pudding appears blazing in a haze of brandy fumes. And although it may not be far from the kitchen to the table, Christmas pudding's life story is a surprisingly long one.

Traditionally, Christmas pudding is made on "Stir-up Sunday", the last Sunday before Advent, which falls in late November. In a church service, the special prayer for the day begins, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people..." - and for many years this reminded all the cooks in the congregation to roll up their sleeves and start measuring out the long list of ingredients. There were 13 ingredients to represent Christ and the 12 apostles, but the recipe has changed and evolved over many centuries.

Though synonymous with the festive season, a medieval plum pudding often contained meat and was eaten all year round. Recent recipes include currants, raisins, sugar, eggs, flour, breadcrumbs, suet, nutmeg, spices, apple, salt, brandy and butter. But there are variations, including vegetarian alternatives to beef suet (or indeed, chocolate and fudge desserts that look but taste nothing like Christmas pudding).

Making pudding was once a family activity, with different members of the household taking

## 'A medieval plum pudding contained meat and was eaten all year round'

turns to give the heavy mixture a stir, adding in silver sixpences and lucky charms. Once made, the pudding often sat for a year, enjoying odd doses of brandy before being ready for the table. These light-hearted English rituals offered an irresistible opportunity for Agatha Christie to showcase the sleuthing skills of her Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot.

In The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding, a 1960 short story that's guaranteed to set the festive mood with a twisting plot involving illness, unhappiness, theft, murder, fakery and multiple plum puddings, Poirot receives an anonymous warning that reads: "Don't eat none of the plum pudding." As it turns out, he enjoys Christmas dinner more than most, as a fellow guest nearly chokes on a huge ruby, while their hostess, Miss Endicott, fears her pudding has been made far too recently to be up to standard. Christie had to shorten the pudding's matura-

tion period drastically to make her plot work, but Miss Endicott's anxieties are the least implausible part of the story.

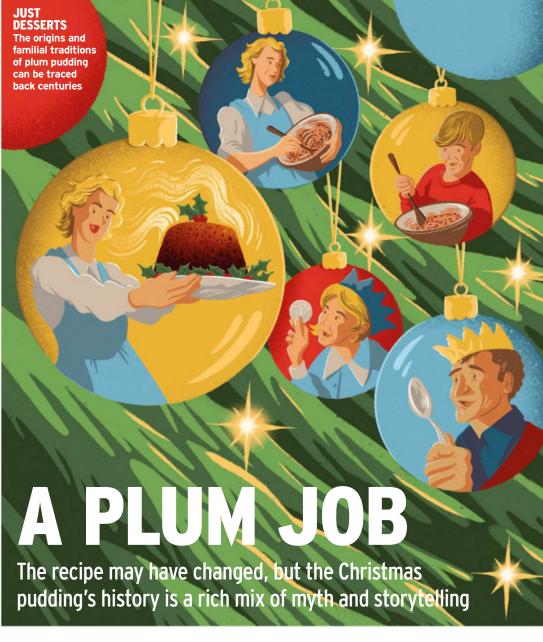
LUM PUDDING WAS a symbol of Christmas centuries before Poirot's adventure. During the Civil War, when Charles I was forced from the throne, the Parliamentarians clamped down on what they saw as over-indulgent and ungodly Christmas celebrations. But this didn't go down well everywhere - and the vigorous objections in Kent became known as the Plum Pudding Riots. The Restoration of Charles II meant a reversal of the ban on merriment - and the return of Christmas pudding.

Gradually, the pudding became so firmly associated with peace and goodwill that political cartoonists could use the dish to satirise global power struggles. James Gillray's 1805 cartoon The Plumb Pudding in Danger depicts

Napoleon and Prime Minister William Pitt the Younger carving up an enormous Christmas pudding between them, with Napoleon helping himself to the fat slice labelled "Europe".

Christmas pudding makes a memorable entrance in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, which probably did more than any other story to turn the pudding into an emblem of seasonal togetherness. Mrs Cratchit's terror and triumph over her pudding fixed the iconic burning ball at the very centre of a family Christmas.

So if you're raising a glass this year to cheer the arrival of your Christmas pudding, you may like to toast Charles Dickens and the generations of forgotten pudding-makers who created the festive tradition. Unless, of course, you are celebrating in Australia or New Zealand, where you're much more likely to be out in the garden or on the beach, sharing a Christmas pavlova. Just don't try to set it alight. FIONA STAFFORD



#### MUSIC

#### **EBU Christmas around Europe**

Sunday from 9.00am Radio 3

As much a seasonal tradition as turkey and tinsel, the European **Broadcasting Union's annual** Christmas Music Day begins this year with suitably festive fare by Bach and his contemporaries, all broadcast live from Hanover, the German city to which Britain owes its monarchy. Proceeding via a largely English programme from Cambridge's St John's College choir moonlighting in Amsterdam, the all-day musical junket also includes Christmas-themed movie music from Munich, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker from Paris and, to end, Italian madrigals and Orthodox chant from Sofia. MARK PAPPENHEIM

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## **SCIENCE**The Life Scientific

Tuesday 9.00am/9.30pm Radio 4

The Life Scientific began in 2011 as host Jim Al-Khalili (above) spoke to biologist Paul Nurse. Radio 4 weren't sure a chat show with scientists would have legs, but here we are, with a 300th edition and past guests including Jane Goodall, Helen Sharman, Robert Winston, Alice Roberts, Richard Dawkins and Brian Cox. Today Al-Khalili talks about Al with 2023 Royal Institution Christmas Lecturer, Professor Mike Wooldridge. And, it seems, we have nothing to fear. ANNA JONES



and Margot Robbie) hasn't done badly for what she calls "an intense child" from a non-theatrical, working-class background. Since 2017 she has seen her films Lady Bird and Little Women be Oscar-nominated, appeared on Time's list of the world's 100 most influential people and directed the billion-dollar-grossing Barbie. Here she tells Lauren Laverne about directing friends in nursery-school musicals, her belief in "the fundamental goodness"

her belief in "the fundamental goodness of people" – and a Christmas song she loved to sing with her father. AJ





### **Christmas by Candlelight**

Friday 8.00pm Classic FM

As a longtime Radio 4 newsreader, Zeb Soanes was voted one of the UK's favourite voices. Now firmly established at Classic FM, he lends his mellifluous tones to hosting the station's carol concert, recorded earlier in the month at St-Martin-inthe-Fields church in London. It's a traditional evening, with favourites including *In the Bleak Mid-winter* and *O Holy Night*, plus readings

from the works of John
Betjeman and Beatrix Potter.
Soanes's soothing sounds
are a perfect fit.

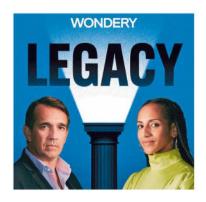
**CAROLINE FROST** 

#### **AMBRIDGE DIARY**

The Archers Sunday-Friday 7.00pm Radio 4

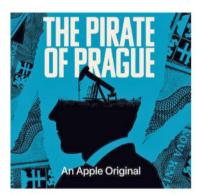
Jasper Carrott (right) hasn't done stand-up on TV or radio for a while, but as the comedy evening at the church faces problems, his character Sykesy steps in with a solution. Will his near-the-knuckle material, partly written by Carrott, just add another problem? Christmas lunch at Brookfield hits a snag when David puts his foot in it and Stella clashes with one of the family. Emma suffers embarrassment on a students' night out, and Alice risks telling Chris about her new situation. DAVID CRAWFORD

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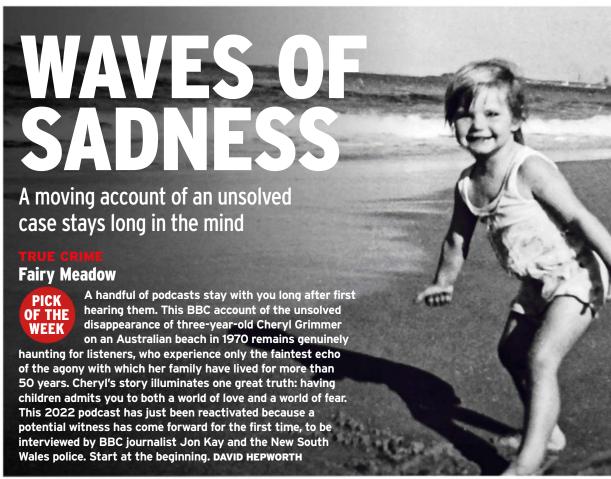
#### HISTORY Legacy

What springs to mind when you think of Napoleon? Waterloo? That hat? Joséphine? Being very short? How about slaughtering thousands of French royalists with brutal grapeshot cannon fire, or asking his wife not to wash until he returned home? This new series looks at the lives of famous people from the past through the lens of the present and benefits greatly from the knowledge of historian Peter Frankopan and the audiofriendly presentation skills of journalist and broadcaster Afua Hirsch. ANNA JONES



## **DOCUMENTARY**The Pirate of Prague

Fortune magazine's Joe Nocera and Peter Elkind have repurposed their 2000 article on the "original oligarch", Viktor Kozeny, into a vivid series investigating Kozeny's dodgy scheme to buy the entirety of Azerbaijan's oil reserves. It's the tale of a grifter's quest for unimaginable wealth – covering his escape from the Czech Republic in the early 1990s and then making it in the States and cashing in on the fall of the Iron Curtain – with Kozeny portrayed as a Gatsby-like figure. DAVID CRAWFORD

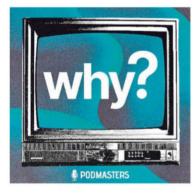




#### MUSIC

#### Joanna & the Maestro

Asked by Radio Times earlier this year what made a successful marriage, Joanna Lumley replied that a key element in hers was the admiration she felt for her husband. He is the composer and conductor Stephen Barlow, and between them they have created this warm, accessible, instructive podcast about classical music. The rapport is, as it should be, quite unforced. Guests including Rob Brydon pop up occasionally, but the real value lies in episodes such as Mozart or Beethoven? SIMON O'HAGAN



### SCIENCE

#### Why?

Be very careful with this new podcast, which attempts to answer the kind of questions we ask each other and then continue to argue about until closing time. These are the big questions about life, the universe and everything. The trouble is that every episode leaves you wanting more. Are we receiving messages from outer space? How will humans appear one million years from now? Here's something so informative, educational and entertaining that even Lord Reith would approve. DAVID McGILLIVRAY



#### **POLITICS**

#### This Is Not a Drill

Since 2021 Doomsday Watch has been examining "the threats that conventional media ignores". For many months the focus was on Ukraine, where the podcast raised the possibilities of a nuclear strike and chemical warfare. Other topics included melting ice caps and the next pandemic. In November the show was rebranded with a new presenter, former BBC man Gavin Esler. The take on the Israel-Hamas war: how deeply involved is Iran? For those who haven't already got enough to worry about. **DMc** 

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# Streams of Consciousness

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#### CINEMA Script Apart

With movies galore on TV at Christmas, this look at the first-draft secrets behind beloved films is a timely treat. From Oscar winners (Moonlight, Everything Everywhere All at Once) to nearly unfilmable projects (Watchmen) and 2023 fare (Killers of the Flower Moon), their writers reveal what changed and why. Well worth a listen is a festive 2020 episode, in which Die Hard co-writer Steven E de Souza oozes anecdotes about the 1987 action landmark and dares to explain why it's more Christmassy than White Christmas. JEREMY ASPINALL



## **SPORT Seven: Rob Burrow**

The former rugby league player Rob Burrow almost apologises for the monotone of his voice now that he has to use a Grid Pad device to speak. There's no need for this explanation from the man who has done so much fund-raising for and awareness work on the motor neurone disease he was diagnosed with in 2019. Burrow puts seven questions to seven sporting guests and pushes the boundaries with great effect. Interviewees include Wayne Rooney, who names his least favourite team-mate, and Gabby and Kenny Logan. AJ



## **CULTURE Life and Art**

With all that journalistic experience to mine, the FT is a prolific podcast producer. FT Weekend magazine has its own twice-weekly show, hosted by Lilah Raptopoulos. The "Life" part encompasses interviews with food writers and gardening experts, and the "Art" riffs off new releases in film, music, books and so on. Recent conversations have focused on winter recipes, indoor plants and Dolly Parton, which went beyond a review of her latest album to discuss image and what all those blonde curls really mean. FIONA HUGHES



## The rise of BookTok is reshaping the publishing world

On social media everything becomes a performance: we go to festivals so that we can post pictures of ourselves on Instagram. Those of us with big record collections tweet pictures of obscure albums above the words "now playing". Some of us publish pictures of the dinner we're about to eat.

Hence I guess BookTok shouldn't come as a complete surprise. This section of the short-form video-hosting service TikTok sprang up during the pandemic, when a bunch of young women temporarily confined to barracks began devouring fiction and, being of the performative generation, wanted somewhere they could share their enthusiasm.

The tone is often excitable – "five books you should start with if you're entering your reading girlie era", "books bfs give their girl", "an amazing new series if you're new to reading", that kind of thing. Publishers certainly aren't complaining because it helps to sell books. Some of the bigger bookshops now have entire tables labelled "BookTok" to take advantage of this enthusiasm while it lasts.

BookTokers, it turns out, are particularly keen on the genre known as Dark Academia, which is popular with people who grew up with Harry Potter and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*. There are pages upon pages of young women offering guides to the works of BookTok superstars like Colleen Hoover.

In the world of BookTok how things look is all-important. Here video-genic young women pose cosily with pristine piles of their favourite books. They prefer to snuggle down as they read; you get the feeling they definitely want to keep romance alive.

Witness the big trend of this year, which they call "the door frame lean". All over Book-Tok young women have been cajoling the men in their lives to emulate the popular romantic fiction cliché whereby the hero corners the heroine in a doorway, places one muscly arm on the door frame and then leans down to kiss her. So far #doorframelean has had more than 50 million views, which is a whole lot of home entertainment.

See David's pick of the week, Fairy Meadow, top left opposite page





## SATURDAY Radio

#### TODAY'S CHOICES



#### Archive on 4: Jim Kerr on Jim Morrison

8.00pm Radio 4

The story of how, in the early 1970s, the 12-year-old Jim Kerr discovered the music of doomed rock god Jim Morrison (above) is wonderfully vivid. It involves Kerr's father's new Vauxhall Cresta, the car radio, and an empty pub car park in Glasgow while Kerr senior was inside downing a couple of pints. One Jim - frontman of the Doors - would inspire another, with Kerr growing up to form his own band, Simple Minds. Unusually for an Archive on 4, the presenter brings in no outside contributors, and there's precious little archive. But Kerr's is a very personal take, and the hour is more than sustained by the depths of his insights and by haunting reminders of the Doors' music. You may never hear Morrison's voice again without thinking "baritone". sımon o'hagan

#### The Documentary: Taiwan's Balancing Act

12.05pm BBC World Service While all eves are on the horrors of the Israel-Hamas conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war, another hotspot quietly smoulders. China sees Taiwan as a breakaway province that should be more firmly under Beijing's control, but Taiwan sees itself as independent, with its own democratically-elected leaders. The Taiwanese presidential election in January will be fought over the China question: whether to work to reduce antagonism or prepare for aggression? Foreign correspondent Cindy Sui meets two young voters, Shirley Lin and Dennis, who would answer it differently. While one is a committed peace campaigner hoping for calm negotiation, the other has signed up with a citizen's army and is ready to fight. FIONA HUGHES

#### BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Happy **7.00** Weekend Breakfast **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **4.00** Dance Anthems **7.00** Soundsystem Party 9.00 Rap Show 10.30 Rap Mixtape 11.00 Drum 'n' Bass Show 12.00 Drum 'n' Bass Mix 1.00am Classic Essential Mix 3.00 Future Dance Mix **3.30** Pete Tong's Hot Mix **4.00** Dance Anthems **5.00** Relax at Christmas

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 6.00am Sounds of the 60s with Tony Blackburn US and UK hits. 8.00 Dermot O'Leary

With drinks specialist Olly Smith and longtime Great Ormond Street play specialist Lizzie Penn. And Tom Odell serenades Dermot at the piano.

10.00 Claudia Winkleman 1.00pm Pick of the Pops

Steve Wright with 1981 and 1991. Rptd Mon 3am (1981) and Tue 3am (1991) 3.00 Rylan on Saturday

6.00 Liza Tarbuck 8.00 Sounds of the 80s Gary Davies with a nostalgic plavlist. 10.00 Sounds of the 90s

Fearne Cotton with two themed mixtapes, starting with film music (Baz Luhrmann's Romeo + Juliet, Roger Michell's Notting Hill and Amy Heckerling's Clueless), followed at 11.00 by divas (Whitney Houston, Mariah Carev and Celine Dion). (R)

12.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor **Disco Pioneers** A profile of Chic co-founders Bernard Edwards (1952-96) and Nile Rodgers

1.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay Dance producers, including duo Pizzaman (John Reid and Norman Cook), Bob Sinclar and Gambafreaks (Stefano Gambarelli), with hits by Basement Jaxx, Junior Jack, Harry Romero and Alice Deelay. **2.00 Music Programme** 

3.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony Joyful floor fillers .30 Steve Wright's Love Songs Extra A romantic playlist. 4.00 Radio 2 in Concert (R) 5.00 Tracks of My Years Boy George.

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 6.00am Amv Lamé 8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie 10.00 The Huey Show Including a Block Party guest mix at 12.30pm. 1.00pm Jamz Supernova on 6. 3.00 Gilles Peterson
6.00 Craig Charles Funk and soul. 9.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio 11.00 Sherelle The rave continuum. 1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever 2.00 The Morning After Mix

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW

6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Richard Allinson 4.00 Weekend Anthems 5.00 Paul Gambaccini 7.00 Kate Thornton 10.00 Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Dave Jamieson 8.00 My Generation 10.00 Rob Jones 12.00 Simon's 70s **2.00pm** Jenny Hanley **4.00** John's Jukebox **7.00** Saturday oul **9.00** Late Night Graham Torrinaton 12.00 Niaht Ride 2.00am Through the Night

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast

With Elizabeth Alker, whose playlist includes the first two shortlisted entries in this year's Radio 3 Carol Competition, the winner of which will be announced on Thursday on Petroc Trelawny's breakfast show. See also tomorrow 7am and Monday 6.30am

#### 9.00 Record Review

Andrew McGregor with a detailed look at classic recordings and some of the week's new releases. **9.30** Conductor Robert Hollingworth discusses favourite new releases and, in the **On Repeat**. feature, shares a track that is a current obsession. **10.30 Building a Library** Jeremy Sams discusses his favourite recording of Stravinsky's ballet Le baiser de la fée (The Fairy's Kiss).

11.20 Record of the Week Andrew's top pick. 11.45 Music Matters

With Tom Service. In this programme from December 2022 composer John Rutter, at home in Cambridge, discusses his career - which includes major choral works such as his Requiem and Gloria – and the secret of writing a great Christmas carol. Plus a peek into a rehearsal with the Bach Choir in London. Repeated Monday 10pm (R)

#### 12.30pm This Classical Life

Saxophonist Jess Gillam is joined by Londonbased Yorkshire bassoonist Guylaine Eckersley to share some of their favourite music.

#### 1.00 Inside Music

An insider's take on various music works, today with composer and conductor Eric Whitacre, whose ground-breaking Virtual Choirs have united singers from more than 110 countries. In this festive edition he discusses Christmas choral pieces from Poulenc, Britten, Sarah Quartel, Cecilia McDowall and Philip Stopford, as well as one of his own works, Lux aurumque. Plus music from Corelli, Palestrina Prokofiev and Florence Price, and upbeat tunes by Tchaikovsky, Bernstein and John Adams.

#### 3.00 Sound of Cinema

With Martin Bourboulon's new adaptation of Three Musketeers in cinemas – featuring music by Guillaume Roussel - Matthew Sweet dons the mantle of Errol Flynn, swinging into action to explore the music of the greatest swashbuckling films from Hollywood's Golden Age. Featuring highlights of scores by Erich Wolfgang Korngold (The Adventures of Robin Hood, 1938), Alfred Newman (The Mark of Zorro, 1940) and more.

#### 4.00 Music Planet

Kathryn Tickell visits the Cumbrian home of folk singer Maddy Prior (now 76), who as lead singer of steeleye Span was at the forefront of the 1970s English folk revival. The band continues to record and tour, and Prior now is helping to nurture the next generation of folk singers with courses and workshops. Prior's longtime collaboration with English early music act the Carnival Band has yielded much Christmas material.

#### **Scala Radio**

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox With the Piano Playlist at 8.00. 10.00 Angellica Bell Magazine-style show, including after 11.00 Angellica's Artist of the Weekend, with a musician invited to curate a part of the show, today with RLPO chief conductor Domingo Hindovan, whose cks include Bach, Antonio Lauro and Arturo Márquez.

1.00pm Mark Kermode Film music, today marking anniversaries for Steven Spielberg (who is 77 on Monday) and Jane Austen (born on this day in 1775).

3.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker 5.00 The Console with Luci Holland Game music. 6.00 Ayanna Witter-Johnson Personal picks. 8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 **6.00am** The Everyday Hustle **7.00** Motivation

8.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Beyond Bollywood 1.00pm Mehreen Baig 3.00 Certified Throwbacks 4.00 Amber Sandhu 6.00 DJ Kizzi 9.00 Pure Spice: with DJ Manara 12.00 SOS Bhangra Mix 1.00am Panjabi Hit Squad 4.00 BBC Introducing

#### 5.00 J to Z

Today's playlist includes highlights of the concert given by Mark Guiliana last month on the J to Z Presents stage at the London Jazz Festival.

#### 6.30 Opera on 3: Handel's Jenhtha

A recent Royal Opera House performance of Handel's oratorio Jephtha, a biblical tale of faith and sacrifice, in a new staging by Oliver Mears, with baroque specialist Laurence Cummings conducting. Tenor Allan Clayton stars as Jephtha, who is called back from exile to lead the Israelites in battle against the Ammonites. His unshakeable faith in God carries him to victory – but at the cost of a terrible vow with tragic consequences for his family and the community. Presented by Martin Handley, who is joined by the Rev Lucy Winkett, who has a degree from the Royal College of Music.

Handel Jephtha

Jephtha Iphis, his daughter Storgè, his wife Hamor, Iphis's lover Zebul, Jephtha's brother Angel

Allan Clayton (tenor) Jennifer France (soprano) Alice Coote (mezzo) Cameron Shahbazi (countertenor) Brindley Sherratt (bass) Ivo Clark (treble)

Royal Opera Chorus, Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, conductor Laurence Cummings RT OFFER Handel Jephtha (2 CDs) - a 2008 performance in Stavanger, Norway, featuring James Gilchrist, Mona Julsrud, Elisabeth Jansson, Havard Stensvold, Collegium Vocale Gent and the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fabio Biondi– is available for £16.90 incl p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref BISCD1864 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

#### 10.00 New Music Show

Tom Service presents new recordings of pieces by Emily Howard and Gavin Bryars. And Robert Worby talks to Yorkshire-born Bryars, who is 80 this year.

#### 12.00 Freeness

Corey Mwamba with new jazz and improvised music, tonight featuring Laura Cannell in Norwich Cathedral, percussion duo Tyshawn Sorey and Adam Rudolph in 2021 at the Zürcher Gallery in New York City, and Welsh guitarist Ash Cooke.

#### 1.00am Through the Night

With John Shea, beginning with performances recorded at July's Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival in Finland.

Schumann Piano Trio No 1 in D minor, Op 63

Farrenc Nonet in E flat, Op 38 Storioni Trio Janne Thomsen (flute), Blanca Gleisner (oboe), Lauri Sallinen (clarinet), Ville Hiilivirta (french horn), Jaakko Luoma (bassoon), Tami Pohiola (violin), Rumen Cvetkov (viola), Artturi Aalto (cello), Zoran Markovic (double bass 2.03 Klami Kalevala Suite, Op 23 2.41 Druschetzky
Wind Sextet in E flat 3.01 JS Bach Orchestral Suite No 2
in B minor, BWV1067 3.21 Moniuszko String Quartet No
2 in F 3.39 Fauré Suite: Pelléas et Mélisande, Op 80
3.55 Mendelssohn Variations serieuses, Op 54 4.08
Marais Tombeau pour monsieur de Lully 4.16 Gorecki
Three Pagnes, On 34 4 31 Méhul Piano Sonata in D. Op Three Dances, Op 34 **4.31 Méhul** Piano Sonata in D, Op 1 No 10 **4.41 CPE Bach** Sinfonia in D, Wq183 No 1 **4.52** Gary Carpenter Dadaville **5.01 Haydn** Trumpet Concerto in E flat, H VIIe 1 (1st mvt) **5.08 Förster** Jesu dulcis memoria **5.15 Brahms** Tragic Overture **5.31 Chopin** Nocturne in C minor, Op 48 No 1 **5.37 Poulenc** Organ Concerto **6.00 Beethoven** Abscheulicher! Wo eilst du hin?; Komm, Hoffnung lass den letzen Stern (Fidelio) 6.08 Fontana Sonata No 16 in C Spadi Anchor che col partire Castello Sonata No 4 **6.24 Bartok** Two Pictures, Op 10 **6.41 Mozart** Piano Sonata No 13 in B flat, K333

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922 7.00am Alan Titchmarsh Including a Gardening Tip. 10.00 Aled Jones With seasonal favourites.

1.00pm Alexander Armstrong A festive playlist. 4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert Classic FM Hall of Fame works played in full, including some festive music. Featuring Hely-Hutchinson, Berlin, Vaughan Williams, Coots/Gillespie, Barry, Martin/Blane,

Gauntlett, Rutter, Bach, Britten, Alan Silvestri and Beethoven, allegedly born on this day in 1770. 7.00 Saturday Night at the Movies With Jonathan Ross, who anticipates Christmas with highlights of scores by Dimitri Tiomkin (It's a Wonderful Life) and

Danny Elfman (Edward Scissorhands). Plus Joby Talbot's music for Paul King's new film, Wonka. 9.00 David Mellor's Melodies A cosy, wintry playlist.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

#### Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

8.00am Frank Skinner 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football 5.00 Indie Disco 7.00 Classic Rock Party 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Emil Franchi





### 16 DECEMBER SATURDAY

#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

**News** 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day**A prayer and reflection with Rabbi Warren Elf.

#### 5.45 New Storytellers

3/5. In Thea Rickard's Our Dad, which won the Gold Award of the Charles Parker Prize for the Best Student Radio Feature in 2023, she reveals the legacy of growing up in the shadow of violence and alcohol abuse. Producer Thea Rickard (R)

#### 6.00 News and Papers

6.07 Open Country

**7/15.** Sally Rodgers from the musical duo A Man Called Adam reveals the landscape, culture and history of the Headland of Hartlepool that has inspired her music. Repeated from Thursday

#### 6.30 Farming Today This Week

News about food, farming and the countryside.

#### **7.00 Today**

Presented by Martha Kearney and Amol Rajan.

#### 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day

With Professor Jagbir Jhutti-Johal.

#### 9.00 Saturday Live

Weekend entertainment show featuring guests and discussion and the Inheritance Tracks of another celebrity. Producer Ben Mitchell

#### 10.00 Your Place or Mine

10/12. Greg James tries to tempt Shaun Keaveny to the watery wonderland of Venice, where Greg spent his honeymoon. Shaun's been to Venice Beach and Little Venice but remains to be convinced about the original. Available on BBC Sounds since 13 December. Producers Beth O'Dea and Sarah Goodman

#### 10.30 The Kitchen Cabinet

5/7. Jay Rayner hosts the culinary panel sow in Luton. He is joined by Sumayya Usmani, Jordan Bourke, Lerato Umah-Shaylor and Dr Annie Gray to answer questions from the audience. Producer Dom Tyerman Repeated Tuesday 3pm

#### 11.00 The Week in Westminster

The week's political proceedings.

#### 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

BBC correspondents tell stories and examine news developments in their region.

#### 12.04pm Money Box

The latest from the world of personal finance. Repeated tomorrow 9pm
Your RT Money: page 146

#### 12.30 Dead Ringers

1/2. Comedy impressions with a festive twist, performed by Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey. Repeated from yesterday

#### **1.00 News**

#### 1.10 Any Questions?

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre, with a panel including Liberal Democrats leader Ed Davey and Labour MP Darren Jones. Rptd from yesterday

#### 2.00 Any Answers?

Listeners have their say on the week's issues. PHONE: 0370 010 0444 Lines open from 12.30pm EMAIL: any.answers@bbc.co.uk

#### 2.45 The Planet Earth Podcast

8/8. Mike Gunton goes behind the scenes on the wildlife series, talking to David Attenborough and the film-makers. Available on BBC Sounds since 10 December.

#### 3.00 Drama: Sweeney Todd and the **String of Pearls**

**2/2.** Archie Scottney's 2021 adaptation of the 1846–47 "penny dreadful" serial. Joanna disguises herself and enters the barber's employment as "Charley" to find out what happened to her sweetheart, Mark, Investigator Richard Blunt and his loval lieutenant aim to protect Joanna, and Mrs Lovett tries to extract herself from a relationship with Todd.

Sweeney Todd Martin Jarvis Crotchet/Mr Brown/70 Murphy Mrs Lovett Colonel Jeffrey Rufus Sewell The judge Matthew Wolf In Jonathac Cake Morgan/Attorney Neil Dickson Mark Jack Cutmore-Scott Clerk/Sir Ernest Moira Quirk Joanna

Mora Quink
Arabella Elizabeth Knowelden Boatman/Counsel/Fisherman
Mr Wrankley Julian Sands
Director Rosalind Ayres (R)

### 4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour

Darren Richardson

Presented by Anita Rani. 5.00 Saturday PM With Caroline Wyatt. 5.30 Sliced Bread

12/12. Greg Foot and guests investigate the effect of vapes on both people's health and the environment. Repeated from Thursday

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.15 Loose Ends

Clive Anderson and Arthur Smith are joined by DJs Fabio and Grooverider, comedian Janine Harouni and actor Jared Harris. Producer Sukey Firth Repeated tomorrow 9.30pm

#### 7.00 Profile

An insight into a person who is making the headlines. Repeated tomorrow 5.45am and 5.40pm

#### 7.15 The Infinite Monkey Cage

6/7. Jo Brand's Quantum World. Brian Cox and Robin Ince are subject to a non-hostile takeover by Jo Brand, as she challenges the panel to help her understand quantum physics. Brian and Robin are joined by theoretical physicist Ben Allanach and cosmologist Fay Dowker, who introduce Jo to the weird and wonderful ways of quantum theory, dead and alive cats and multiverses. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Executive producer Alexandra Feachem Repeated Monday 4pm

#### **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Conan Doyle's Strangest Case** as 5pm **7.30 The Man in the Red Coat** as 6.30pm 8.45 Uncle Mort's South Country as 7.45pm 9.00 Not in Front of the Children as 8pm 9.30 Whack-O! as 8.30pm

10.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird as 9pm 11.00 Conan Doyle's Strangest Case as 5pm 12.30pm The Man in the Red Coat as 6.30pm 1.45 Uncle Mort's South Country as 7.45pm

2.00 Not in Front of the Children as 8pm 2.30 Whack-O! as 8.30pm 3.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird as 9pm **4.00 The Three Knots** Linda Cracknell's drama about faith and the supernatural, set in 19th-century Scotland. With Finn den Hertog. From 2009 **4.45 The Signal-Man** Emlyn Williams reads Dickens's eerie 1866 tale. A railway worker is haunted by a spectre warning him of danger on the line 5.00 Conan Doyle's Strangest Case Peter Jeffrey stars as Arthur Conan Doyle in Tony Mulholland's fact-based radio play. With Frances Jeater, Kim Wall and Kaleem Janiua, From 1995 **6.30 The Man in the Red Coat** Julian Barnes reads from his 2019 book, a vivid depiction of the Belle Epoque. At the heart of life in Paris at this time was Samuel Pozzi – a surgeon, gynaecologist and

dandy (and portrayed in a red robe in John Singer Sargent's celebrated 1881 portrait) – along with his two friends, Count Robert de Montesquiou and Prince Edmond de Polignac. Abridged by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed. From 2019 (1–5/5)

**7.45 Uncle Mort's South Country** Series two of the comedy adventure by Peter Tinniswood. With Stephen Thorne. From 1990 (3/5) 8.00 Not in Front of the Children Richard

Waring's radio adaptation of his own 1967–70
TV comedy series, with Wendy Craig, From 1970
8.30 Whack-0! 1962 radio adaptation by David
Climie of Frank Muir and Denis Norden's TV sitcom
9.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird Paul

Gambaccini explores the mystique of rock star Jim Morrison with the help of the BBC archive, including The Cemetery Confessions (2004). First broadcast (as a three-hour programme) in 2018 (3/3)

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Fab TV (2/4), at 10.30 Jo Caulfield: Pretending to Care, at 11.00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (3/6), at 11.30 The Croft & Pearce Show (3/4), and at 11.45 My 12.00 Rappaccini's Daughter Nathaniel
Hawthorne's 1844 Gothic short story 12.30am
The Price of Fear Vincent Price introduces

William Ingram's chilling Soul Music. From 1975 1.00 as 5pm 2.30 as 6.30pm 3.45 as 7.45pm 4.00 as 28pm 4.30 as 8.30pm 5.00 as 9pm

#### 8.00 Archive on 4: Jim Kerr on Jim

Jim Kerr, the co-founder and lead singer of Simple Minds, describes the impact that poet and singer Jim Morrison from the Doors has had on his personal and professional life, and makes a pilgrimage to Père-Lachaise cemetery in Paris where Morrison is buried. Featuring previously unheard Morrison poetry, studio outtakes and archive interviews with Morrison. Producer Des Shaw

#### 9.00 Talking about a Revolution

By Sarah Daniels, When Maya unearths new information about her aunt's death, and the curious circumstances behind a car crash that happened more than 40 years ago, she becomes determined to find out the truth. What she discovers opens up a murky world of radicalisation and revenge.

Saffron Coomber Ava Clare Perkins Young Diane Diane Elexi Walker Christine Kavanagh Young Nina Alexandra Hannant Rebecca Crankshaw The police officer Neil McCaul Jude Director Anne Isger (R)

#### 9.45 Short Works

Mudlarks by Sophie Haycock. Seeking distraction from her work, a junior doctor looks to take up mudlarking on the Thames in London. Read by Bryony Hannah. Repeated from yesterday

#### 10.00 News

#### 10.15 Screenshot

1/8. Terence Davies. Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode celebrate the life and career of much-loved Liverpudlian screenwriter and director Terence Davies. Repeated from vesterday

#### 11.00 Counterpoint

1/13. Paul Gambaccini chairs the first heat, featuring contestants from Cheltenham, Stafford and Hertfordshire. Rptd from Monday

#### 11.30 Dead Hand

2/5. Zero Sum. Contemporary thriller set in Northern Ireland, by Stuart Drennan. Greg realises that Dead Hand is active again, DS Murray believes she has found the killer but Greg is not convinced. All episodes available on BBC Sounds

Paul Mallon Thomas Patrick Fitzsymons Greg DS Murray Michelle Fairley Daniel Desmond Eastwood Roísín Gallagher Assistan Hannah Eggleton Control Assistant Jo Nicky Harley Louisé Parker Lucv Eimear Fearon Police officer Andrew McCracken
Julia Dearden TSG lead Patrick Buchanan Producer Michael Shannon (R)

#### 12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am Poetry Please

3/4. Jason Allen-Paisant joins Roger McGough, to share a selection of listenerrequested poems, including the words of Caleb Femi, Elizabeth Bishop, Wordsworth and Ted Hughes. Repeated from Sunday

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906 Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

**5.00am** The Newsroom **5.30** Amazing Sport Stories: The Curse of County Mayo: the truth of what happened in Foxford is within reach (3/3) **5.50** More or Less **6.00** Weekend **9.00** News 9.05 BBC OS Conversations 9.30 Pick of the World 9.50 Over to You 10.00 News 10.05 Sports Hour **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** Health Check **12.00** News **12.05pm CHOICE:** The Documentary: Taiwan's Balancing Act: meeting two Taiwanese voters with opposing views 1.00 Newshour **2.00** Sportsworld **6.00** The Newsroom **6.30** Amazing Sport Stories: The Curse of County Mayo **6.50** Sporting Witness **7.00** News **7.05** The Reith Lectures: on the future of solidarity (3/4) Rptd from Wed Radio 4 **7.30** World of Wisdom **8.00** News 8.05 The Arts Hour 9.00 Newshour
10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30
Assignment 11.05 Music Life 12.00 News 12.05am
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#### BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am 5 Live Boxing 6.00 Saturday Breakfast

With Chris Warburton and Qasa Alom, who sits in for Eleanor Oldroyd.

#### 9.00 Patrick Kielty 11.00 Fighting Talk

Rick Edwards plays judge and jury. 12.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news and an afternoon of action. He's joined by Shay Given, James McFadden, Jaap Stam and Statman Dave for football discussion and he build up to today's **3.00pm**Premier League commentary. And at **5.00 Sports Report**, followed at **5.30** by Burnley v Everton in

the Premier League. **7.30pm 6-0-6** Phone-in with Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton.

#### 9.00 Stephen Nolan

12.00 Gangster: the Story of the Burger Bar Boys 5&6/6 The story of the crack cocaine trade operated by a Birmingham gang born out of the Handsworth riots in 1985, and the senseless 2003 murders of two teenage girls. All episodes available on BBC Sound

1.00am Laura McGhie

#### BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

#### 12.45-3.00pm Rugby Union Saracens v Connacht, the European Champions Cup Pool 1 match from Stone X Stadium (kick-off 1.00).

7.55-10.00 Rugby Union Cardiff Rugby v Bath Rugby, the European Champions Cup Pool 2 match from Cardiff Arms Park (kick-off 8.00).

#### 2.00am-11.00 Cricket

Australia v Pakistan, the fourth day of the First Test from Perth.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am GameDay Breakfast
10.00 GameDay Warm Up
12.00 Championship Football
Ipswich Town v Norwich City at Portman Road (kick-off 12.30pm). 2.30pm GameDay Live 5.30 The GameDay Phone-In 7.30 The Mark Goldbridge Show 9.00 Fight Night

### 12.00 A Talksport Special 1.00am Extra Time Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

2.00pm-5.00 Premier League Football One of the 3pm kick-offs. **5.00-9.45 T20 International Cricket** Commentary on West Indies v England in the third T20.

9.45-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Day two in London.

#### **LBC**

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Matthew Wright 10.00 Matt Frei 1.00pm Sangita Myska 4.00 Ali Miraj 7.00 Natasha Devon 9.00 The Legal Hour 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Oli Dugmore

#### Times Radio

#### DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Rosie Wright and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00pm** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Podcasts **8.00** Stories **8.30** Red Box **9.00** Highlights **10.00** Darryl Morris 1.00am Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am, Kev (R) Repeat Listen live, catch up and follow your favourites at bbc.co.uk/sounds

## SUNDAY Radio

#### **TODAY'S CHOICES**



#### Neil Gaiman's Chivalry 9.30am/2.30pm/8.30pm Radio 4 Extra

First broadcast in 2019, this delightful adaptation of a short story stars the late Glenda Jackson and is part of 4 Extra's Absent Friends season, commemorating those we have lost in 2023. The Oscar-winning actress narrates and plays widowed Mrs Whitaker, whose gentle life of gardening, tea and home-made macaroons takes a droll turn for the fantastical when she finds the Holy Grail in a charity shop, bringing a knight on a guest to her doorstep. Gaiman's love of myth, legend and fable is ever-present, but the tale's genial heroine is actually inspired by his grannies. JEREMY ASPINALL

#### Enjoy Yourself: the Terry Hall Story

8.00pm Absolute Radio Good on Absolute for this celebration of the career of Specials and Fun Boy Three frontman Terry Hall, a year on from his death at the age of iust 63. Hall's importance as both a musician and a social commentator seems to have grown over time, and his memory is well served here by some notable contributors - among them Noel Gallagher, Hall's bandmates Lynval Golding and Horace Panter, Tim Burgess of the Charlatans and Gary Powell of the Libertines. Claire Sturgess hosts. SIMON O'HAGAN

#### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p121 EBU Christmas around Europe

From 9.00am **Radio 3**The annual celebration of festive music from the continent.

#### **Desert Island Discs**

11.15am **Radio 4** 

Barbie writer and director Greta Gerwig shares her story.

#### BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 6.00am Chillout Anthems 7.00 Breakfast 10.00 Sam and Danni 11.00 Nat O'Leary 1.00pm Matt and Mollie 4.00 Life Hacks 6.00 Official Chart: First Look 7.00 Chillest Show 9.00 Indie Show 11.00 BBC Introducing 12.00 Future Soul 1.30am UK R&B Mix 2.00 Decompression Session 3.00 Chill Mix 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902
6.00am Good Morning Sunday

The Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad with faith discussion. 9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs Personal dedications.

**11.00 The Michael Ball Show** Music, listener interaction and guests, plus live performances.

1.00pm Elaine Paige on Sunday 3.00 Sounds of the 70s with Johnnie Walker

**5.00 Rob Beckett 7.00 Tony Blackburn's Golden Hour** Pop and soul oldies across the decades, including Bonnie

## Tyler, Elton John and Silk Sonic. 8.00 The Paul Gambaccini Collection

A nostalgic playlist celebrating songwriters, producers and performers, with anniversaries, dedications and mini chart rundowns.

10.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin 12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary

A dance-floor playlist, including the Wonder Stuff, Jesus Jones and Suede. And Ash frontman Tim Wheeler picks his double A-side.

4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
6.00am Amy Lamé
8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie
10.00 Cerys Matthews
1.00pm Guy Garvey's Finest Hour
4.00 Bill Nighy Sitting in for Iggy Pop
with further picks, including Primal
Scream, Aretha Franklin and Iggy Pop.
6.00 Now Playing @6Music
8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone
10.00 Lose Yourself with... Mixes.
12.00 Classic Essential Mix
Atwo-hour 2011 mix by London musician
and DJ/producer Jamie xx, followed

and DJ/producer Jamie xx, followe at **2.00am** by Scottish musician Rustie (Russell Whyte) in 2012. **4.00 BBC Introducing Mixtape** 

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW

Goodier 1.00pm Simon Mayo 4.00 Greatest Hits Superstars 5.00 The Smash Hits Years 7.00 Boogie and Arlene 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Rod Whiting 10.00 Les Ross 12.00 Vintage Charts: 1964 and 1974 2.00pm Simon Bates 4.00 Judi Spiers 6.00 Requests: with Paul Robey 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 Choices: Phil Riley invites former Radio 2 producer Malcolm Prince (the shows of Elaine Paige, Graham Norton and Paul O'Grady, plus documentaries) to discuss his career 10.00 Bill Bingham 12.00 Night Music

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather 7.00am. 8.00 and 1.00pm

**7.00am Breakfast** With Martin Handley.

9.00 Christmas around Europe

Today's first instalment of music from across Europe in the European Broadcasting Union's annual event. With Sarah Walker. See choice: p121. The event starts in Hanover:

Christmas music by Bach and his contemporaries. **Bach** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Cantata No 61: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland); Jesus bleibet meine Freude (Cantata No 147: Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben); Christmas Oratorio, BWV248 (excerpts) Manfredini Concerto grosso in C, Op 3 No 12 (Con una pastorale per il Santissimo Natale) Vivaldi Concerto in G minor, RV531; Lute Concerto in D, RV93 NDR Radio PO/Hofstetter* 

10.00 Live from Amsterdam:

Trad English, arr Vaughan Williams This Is the Truth Sent from Above Tamsin Jones Noel: Verbum caro factum est Anon, arr Ledger Sussex Carol Anon There Is No Rose Howells A Spotless Rose; Sing Lullaby: Here Is the Little Door Bach In dulci jubilo, BWV729 Sweelinck Hodie Christus natus est Byrd O admirabile commercium Victoria O magnum mysterium Becky McGlade In the Bleak Midwinter Cornelius The Three Kings Mendelssohn When Jesus our Lord (Christus, Op 97) **Adam** O Holy Night Mendelssohn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Choir of St John's College, Cambridge/Christopher Gray **11.00** From Stockholm: Music from the Iberian Peninsula, performed by Música Temprana (director Adrián Rodriguez Van der Spoel). 12.00 Broadcast from Stuttgart:

Pärt Kyrie; Gloria (Berlin Mass); Magnificat; Credo; Sanctus; Agnus Dei (Berlin Mass) Evelin Seppar The Same Sea Ravel, arr Gottwald La vallée des cloches (Miroirs) Gundega Smite Light Seeking Light Adrianna Kubica-Cypek L'hiver Peteris Vasks Plainscapes Jan Sandstrom Es ist ein Ros entsprungen SWR Vocal Ensemble/Audere

**1.00pm Clive Myrie at Christmas 3/4.** A Selection of Classical Christmas Treats
This week's playlist includes a track from one of
Clive's preferred jazzy Christmas albums and Leroy

### Anderson's season favourite *A Christmas Festival*. **2.00 Christmas around Europe**

Hannah French presents live from Riga in Latvia.

Handel Organ Concerto in B flat, HWV294
Kalnins Christmas Lullaby Rihards Dubra Christmas
Concertino Liszt Weihnachtsbaum (selection)
Handel Concerto grosso in C, HWV318 (Alexander's
Feast) Liene Andreta Kalnciema (organ), Daumants
Liepins (piano), Sinfonietta Riga/Normunds Sne

#### 3.00 Choral Evensong

A service at St Paul's Church, Heaton Moor, Stockport, from 11 November. With the Diocese of Manchester Choral Scholars. Introit: The Angel Gabriel (*Basque Carol*, arr John Rutter). Responses: Sarah Macdonald. Psalms 69, 70 (Plainsong). First Lesson: Armos 9, w11–15. Office Hymn: Creator of the Starry Height (*Conditor alme siderum*). Canticles: Harris in D. Second Lesson: Romans 13, vv8–14. Anthem: There Is No Rose (Britten). Prayer Anthem: 1 Sing of a Maiden (Amy Bebbington).

#### Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox A 8.00 the Piano Playlist.
10.00 Simon Mayo With features, including the Label Showcase, this week celebrating Hollywood Records. Plus works by Leroy Anderson, John Rutter and more.
12.00 YolanDa Brown A showcase of a rising star.
3.00pm Jack Pepper Classical favourites.

5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio
6.00 Christmas with Alfie Boe on Scala Radio Carols, immusic and orchestral takes of Christmas pop hits.
8.00 Sunday Night Scala Darren Redick with Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D, Op 61, played in full.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Gagan's Old Skool Mix 7.00 R&B Anthems 8.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified Throwbacks 11.00 Gagan Grewal 1.00pm Dipps Bhamrah 3.00 Nadia Ali 5.00 Kan D Man 7.00 Pritt 9.00 Noreen Khan 11.00 Chill 12.00 Motivation 1.00am Asian Network News Presents 2.00 Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Bobby Friction

Hymn: Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth (*Puer nobis nascitur*). Voluntary: Chorale Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV661 (Bach). Director of music Olivia Tait. Organist Elin Rees.

#### 4.00 Christmas around Europe

From Reykjavik: A concert titled *The Light Comes* includes music by **Holborne** and **Purcell**, performed by Nordic Affect joined by Eyjolfur Eyjolfsson (vocals, fadno, Icelandic drone zither) and Ian Wilson (recorders). **See choice: p121. 5.00** From Copenhagen:

Hamburger There Is Nothing in the World as Quiet as Snow Trad Basque, arr Clements Gabriel's Message Trad Danish, arr Claas Mary Walks through Thorns Trad German, arr Short Quem pastores laudavere Gade Infant Jesus in a Manger Lay Meidell Lovely Is the Sky So Blue Niels Ia Cour Hodie Christus natus est Bara Gisladottir Nat Nielsen My Heart Always Wanders Bach In dulci jubilo, BWV608 Praetorius In dulci jubilo Bach In dulci jubilo, BWV729 Bo Holten First Snow Trad Nordic Lovely Is the Earth Danish National Vocal Ensemble, Mads Hock (organ), Bara Gisladottir (double bass), conductor Phillip Faber 6.00 From Munich: Gavin Sutherland conducts

6.00 From Munich: Gavin Sutherland conducts the Bavarian Radio Chorus and Munich Radio Orchestra in Christmas classics from the movies.
7.00 From Paris: Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker French National Orchestra, conductor Petr Popelka
8.35 From Helsinki: In Christmas Dinner at the Brodskys', Minna Pensola and Antti Tikkanen play music by Brahms, Grieg and Tchaikovsky.
9.30 From Lisbon: Portuguese sacred music

including works by Coelho, Frei Jerónimo da Madre de Deus, D Gabrielli, Frei Francisco do Carmo, Silva, Francisco de Sao Boaventura and Baldi. Mariana Castello-Branco (soprano), Pedro Massarrao (cello), Avres Serva Ensemble, director Nuno Oliveira (organ)

**10.30** From Sofia: Cantanti Dai Monti Verdi perform Italian madrigals by Franco-Flemish composers, alongside Spanish villancicos and Orthodox *strochny* and *demestvenny* part-singing.

**11.30 Round the Horn with Felix Klieser 3/3. The Further Adventures of the Horn** German-born French horn player Felix Klieser takes a look at the heroic nature of the French horn.

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea. Strauss Don Juan; Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche; Ein Heldenleben Australian World Orchestra, conductor Zubin Mehta 1.52 Grieg Ballade in G minor, Op 24 2.10 Schubert String Quartet No 2 in C, D32 2.31 Ravel Valses nobles et sentimentales (version for orchestra) 2.49 Rosenmüller Gloria 3.04 Tchaikovsky, arr Kuppens Variations on a Rococo Theme 3.27 Farnaby, arr Howarth Fancies, Toyes and Dreames 3.32 Abel Symphony in E, Op 10 No 1 3.44 Chopin Grand Duo on Themes from Meyerbeer's Robert le Diable 3.56 Murcia Two pieces (Codex de Saldívar) 4.05 Cozzolani O quam bonus es 4.15 Mozart Fantasia in D minor, K397 4.21 Sweelinck The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) 4.31 Mendelssohn Die schöne Melusine, Op 32 4.42 Grandjany Rhapsodie 4.52 Buxtehude Magnificaf, BuxWV Anh 1 4.59 Mozart Violin Sonata in C, K303 5.10 Kuula Festive March, Op 13 5.19 Paganini Duetto amoroso 5.29 Vladigerov Divertimento 5.47 Handel Laudate pueri Dominum, HWV237 6.08 Bizet L'Arlésienne: Suites Nos 1 and 2

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

**7.00am Aled Jones** With a **Choral Classic** at **8.15**. **10.00 Andrew Marr** Including Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No1in G minor (Winter Daydreams)*. **1.00pm Joanna Gosling** Classical favourites, today including Arturo Márquez's *Danzon No2* to celebrate the

including Arturo Márquez's *Danzon No 2* to celebrate the foundation of Gran Columbia on this day in 1819. Plus music to mark an anniversary for the magazine *Vogue*. **4.00 John Humphrys** Personal picks.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Charlotte Hawkins's Young Classical Star is Iranian cellist Kian Soltani.
9.00 Moira Stuart Meets... 11/12. Moira invites tenor Alfie Boe to share his love of classical music.
10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass.

1.00am Sam Pittis 4.00 Lucy Coward

#### **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

8.00am Jason Manford 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football 6.00 Request Show 8.00 CHOICE: Enjoy Yourself: the Terry Hall Story 9.00 Sunday Night Music Club 12.00 Dan Noble



### 17 DECEMBER SUNDAY

#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW) News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00,

12 noon then hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Bells on Sunday**The morning bells from St Edward's in Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire.

5.45 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

#### 6.00 News Summary

#### **6.05 Something Understood**

**The Annunciation.** Mark Tully considers the very first moment in the story of the Nativity - a tale of angelic apparitions and maternal courage. The programme draws on the poetry of Denise Levertov and Elizabeth Jennings, and there is music from John Tavener, Percy Grainger and Brazilian samba-pop composer Milton Nascimento. Producer Frank Stirling (R)

#### **6.35 Natural Histories**

**2/5. Ant.** For centuries we've peered at them, delighted and terrified at seeing our best and worst traits in miniature. Brett Westwood investigates why we see ourselves in the ant. Producer Melvin Rickarby (R)

#### 7.00 News; Sunday Papers 7.10 Sunday

The week's religious and ethical issues.

#### 7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal

Ben Fogle makes this week's Radio 4 Appeal on behalf of the Tree Council. Producer Katy Takatsuki Rptd 9.25pm and Thu 3.27pm Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, marked The Tree Council on the back of the envelope Credit/debit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144; online via the Radio 4 website

#### 8.00 News; Sunday Papers 8.10 Sunday Worship

Shermara Fletcher from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland hosts a service for the Third Sunday of Advent at her home church. in Acocks Green, Birmingham, that reflects on homelessness and the Nativity story. Pastor Michael Bailey from the Church of God of Prophecy runs a homeless project each month and shares how they provide for the community. The music is provided by the AMC Gospel Choir led by Audrey Mattis with Christmas carols like Silent Night and Joy to the World, and gospel choir Emmanuel.

#### 8.48 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Repeated from Friday

## **8.58 Tweet of the Day**The black sicklebill, with Michael Palin. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House

Paddy O'Connell and guests with their own take on the week's news.

10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.

#### 11.15 Desert Island Discs

Lauren Laverne is joined by actor, writer and director Greta Gerwig (Lady Bird, Little Women, Barbie), who talks about her life and work, and selects eight favourite recordings. See choice: page 121. Producer Paula McGinley Repeated Friday 9an

#### 12.04pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

**5/6.** Jack Dee chairs the comedy panel show at Dorking Halls, with Jo Brand, Fred MacAulay, Milton Jones, and Omid Djalili taking part. Repeated from Monday

Repeated tomorrow 10pm BBC Radio 4 Extra

#### 12.30 The Food Programme

Dark and Stormy: a Journey through Rum Jaega Wise explores the history and modern day popularity of rum, plus a new trend for British distillers making it from scratch. Producer Nina Pullman Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

#### 1.00 The World This Weekend Presented by Jonny Dymond.

#### 1.30 Behind the Crime

3/3. Sally Tilt and Dr Kerensa Hocken tell the story of Marc, who between the ages of 15 and 21 spent most Christmases behind bars. Then he ended up in a prison run on the principles of a therapeutic community, where, for the first time, he was forced to confront his own actions and account for them not to the authorities, but to his peers. Producer Andrew Wilkie; Editor Hugh Levinso

#### 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

At Wildmoor Heath in Berkshire, chair Peter Gibbs is joined by Christine Walkden, Matthew Wilson and Matt Biggs. Reneated from Friday

#### 2.45 Opening Lines

John Yorke explores A Grain of Wheat, Ngugi wa Thiong'o's 1967 book set in the lead-up to Kenyan Independence, which offers an insight into the Land and Freedom Army rebellion. Producer Redzi Bernard; Exec producer Sara Davi

#### 3.00 Drama: A Grain of Wheat

Michael Eaton's dramatisation of Ngugi wa Thiong'o's novel exploring the years of the Mau Mau rebellion and Kenya becoming an independent nation in 1963, and telling the story of a nation being born from a struggle against colonialism through the liminal times of the Emergency and the half-life in the internment camps.

John Thompson Philip Jackson Karanja Kihika/Gikonyo Ivanno Jeremiah Mumbi General R. Denver-Isaac Kwashe Mugo Margery Thompson **Sarah Lawrie** Narrator Director David Morley

Wela Mbusi Bel Odawa Jude Owusu

#### 4.00 Open Book

Janice Hallett, bestselling author of the epistolary murder mystery *The Appeal*, talks to Johny Pitts about her festive follow-up, *The Christmas Appeal*. Plus a round-up of the best fiction beyond the big hitters from 2023. Producer Emma Wallace Repeated Thursday 3.30pm

#### **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Poetry Extra** With Daljit Nagra in 2000 **6.30 Snow** as 5.30pm

7.40 Inheritance Tracks With chef Tom Kerridge 7.50 How to Write a Novel in a Week
9.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show 9.30 CHOICE: Neil Gaiman's Chivalry 10.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm 10.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories
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3.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm 3.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories **4.00 Rappaccini's Daughter** Dramatisation by Martyn Wade of Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1844

Gothic science-fiction short story. From 2010 **4.30 The Price of Fear** Macabre master Vincent Price introduces William Ingram's chilling Soul Music, With Coral Browne, From 1975

**5.00 Poetry Extra** With Daljit Nagra in 2000 **5.30 Snow** Marcus Sedgwick's examination of snow, and our fascination with it. Abridged by Katrin Williams. Read by Jonathan Firth. From 2016 (1-5/5) **6.40 Inheritance Tracks** With chef Tom Kerridge **6.50 How to Write a Novel in a Week** Comedy drama by Tony Grounds, starring Paul Ritter (1966–2021) and Sophie Thompson. From 2013 (1–5/5) **8.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show** An October 1976 edition of the 1975–78 comedy series written by Eddie Braben (6/6) **8.30 CHOICE: Neil Gaiman's Chivalry** Following the death in June of Glenda Jackson, at 87, a chance to hear a 2019 adaptation of Neil Gaiman's 1992 quirky and sweet Christmas short story in which she stars as Mrs Whitaker, who finds story in which she stars as Mrs Whitaker, Who finds the Holy Grail in a charity shop. Along the way, she meets her friend Mrs Greenberg for macaroons and receives a visit from a young man (Kit Harington) 9.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited A 1997 edition in which Glenda Jackson discussed her life and her then eight favourite recordings 9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Jacob Hawley's
Welcome to Britain, at 10.30 Suzi Ruffell:
Postcards to Portsmouth, at 11.00 Thanks a Lot,

Milton Jones! (4/6), and at 11.30 I nanks a Lot, without Jones! (4/6), and at 11.30 Edge Falls (5/5) 12.00 as 5pm 12.30 am as 5.30pm 1.40 as 6.40pm 1.50 as 6.50pm 3.00 as 8pm 3.30 as 8.30pm 4.00 as 9pm 4.45 as 9.45pm 5.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker Department of the properties from the properties of the proper Dramatisation by Yvonne Antrobus of Tobias Smollett's satirical 1771 novel. From 2008 (3/3)

#### 4.30 Poetry Please

**4/4.** Jeanette Winterson joins Roger McGough, to share a selection of listeners' loved poems. Together they discuss the words of Carol Ann Duffy, Stevie Smith, Anne Sexton and many more.
Producer Alice McKee Repeated Saturday 12.15am Requests to: Poetry Please, BBC, Bristol BS8 2LR EMAIL: poetry.please@bbc.co.uk or call 0370 010 0400

#### 5.00 File on 4

Datshiane Navanayagam investigates professional shoplifters Repeated from Tuesday

5.40 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 Pick of the Week

William Crawley presents a selection of highlights of the past seven days' BBC radio. Producer Elizabeth Foster

#### 7.00 The Archers

Chris finds his confidence knocked, and David puts his foot in it. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Carbon Lifeforms

Comedian and environmentalist Jon Long and scientist Dr Tara Shine deliver fun facts and practical advice on how to cut down the amount of food, drink, and packaging thrown away at Christmas. They'll be joined by comedian Jessica Fostekew to discuss ingenious uses for leftovers and how breaking tradition could be the way forward. Producer Laura Grimshaw Repeated Friday 10pm on Radio 4 Extra

#### 7.45 Love on the Main Line

**3/5. Clapham Junction.** By Colin Bytheway. Kev sees an unexpected vulnerable side to Jess and learns something even more shocking about her fiancé. Read by Rasmus Hardiker and Tigger Blaize. Director Celia De Wolff

#### 8.00 Feedback

10/11. Andrea Catherwood presents the programme that holds the BBC to account.

#### 8.30 Last Word

Matthew Bannister looks at the lives of people who have died recently. Repeated from Friday

**9.00 Money Box** Rptd from yesterday 12.04pm 9.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am

9.30 Loose Ends Rptd from yesterday 6.15pm

#### 10.00 The Westminster Hour Political magazine.

#### 11.00 The Reith Lectures

3/4. Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Oxford University, delivers a lecture on the future of solidarity.

#### 12.00 News and Weather

#### 12.15-12.45am The Deadly Ring

An investigation into white-collar boxing following á number of participants' deaths. Repeated from Tuesday

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 Outlook 10.00 News 10.05 Music Life 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Explanation: with Claire Graham (7/10) 11.50 More or Less 12.00 News 12.05pm The Reith Lectures: exploring whether a sense of belonging in today's polarised society is possible (3/4)

1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Music Life: Adrian Younge is joined by Lonnie Liston Smith, Jean Carne and Brian Jackson **3.00** News **3.05** Sportsworld **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** In the Studio **8.00** News **8.05** Unexpected Elements **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News 10.30 Outlook 11.05 The Climate Question: Graihagh Jackson explores what Cop 28 has achieved 11.30 Pick of the World 11.50 Over to You 12.00 News 12.05am From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 The Explanation **12.50** More or Less **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Happy News **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Crowd Science 3.00 News 3.05 People Fixing the World **3.30** Pick of the World **3.50** Over to You 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Conversation

#### BBC Radio 5 Live

### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Newscast 6.00 5 Live Science

**7.00 Sunday Breakfast** With Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd.

#### 10.00 Nick Bright

#### 12.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman is joined by Nedum Onuoha, Julien Laurens and Theo Walcott to discuss yesterday's football and look ahead to todav's Premier League action, including live **2.00** commentary on Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion. From **4.00** there's build-up to the **4.30** Premier League commentary on Liverpool v Manchester United.

#### 6.30pm 6-0-6 Phone-in. 8.00 Gordon Smart

A topical look at sports, news and culture, with listener input.

10.00 Stephen Nolan 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

#### **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

#### 5.00am-11.00 Test Cricket

Continued coverage of the First Test between Australia and Pakistan. 1.55-4.00pm Premier League Football Commentary on a

top-flight match (kick-off **2.00**). **6.30–8.45 Women's Football** Aston Villa v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off **6.45**).

9.00-1.30am 5 Live NFL Commentary on a week 15 match. **2.00–11.00 Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan on the fifth day

### of the First Test in the three-match series at Optus Stadium in Perth. **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 **6.00am Weekend Sports** Breakfast With Natalie

and Tony Cascarino.

9.00 Sunday Edition

11.00 The Warm Up 1.30pm The Sunday Session 6.30 Final Word 9.00 Trans Europe Express 12.00 A Talksport Special 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

#### Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30, 7.00-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Day three at Alexandra Palace. 11.00pm-5.00am NFL **American Football** Commentary on the second half of St Louis Cardinals v San Francisco 49ers, then Jackson Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens (kick-off 1.20).

#### **LBC**

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Matthew Wright **10.00** David Lammy **1.00pm** Sangita Myska **4.00** Ali Miraj **7.00** Rachel Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

#### **Times Radio**

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Kait Borsav and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Kate McCann and Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** The Best of Times Podcasts **8.00** Stories of Our Times **8.30** Red Box **9.00** Highlights **10.00** Darryl Morris 1.00am Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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## ONDAY Radio

#### **ODAY'S CHOICES**



#### **Mythical Creatures**

1.45pm **Radio 4** 

A ten-part journey across Britain to discover the origin stories of creatures of myth, legend, folklore and fantasy. "These beasts don't just exist to thrill us," says series host and fantasy writer Rhianna Pratchett, "they offer us a way to understand our history, our world and ourselves." It's no surprise she is presenting this. As the daughter of the late Terry Pratchett, it's in her DNA, which accounts for the intoxicating combination of enthusiasm and willingness to believe there might just be something in these tales of water demons, dragons and mermaids. She begins in East Anglia with an exploration of a "Black Shuck" - or devil dog that thinks nothing of devouring churchgoers. Absolutely enchanting! ANNA JONES

#### Drama: A Wireless War

2.15pm **Radio 4** 

As head of the then new art form of radio drama, Val Gielgud (brother of actor John) was one of the BBC's pioneering figures. Radio plays couldn't be allowed to stop just because the Second World War had broken out, and this play - in the year that marks the centenary of radio drama - tells the story of how Gielgud, played by Carl Prekopp, relocated the operation to the stables of a Victorian stately home outside London. The cast is made up of present and past members of the BBC Radio Drama Company. simon o'hagan

#### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p120 The Essay: The Story of Puddings

10.45pm Radio 3 Tales associated with puddings, from tapioca to Christmas pud.

#### **BBC Radio 1**

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock 2.00 Future Alternative 3.00 Relax in Love 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.30 Gary Davies

Sitting in for Vernon Kay, Including at 10.30 the pop quiz Ten to the Top and at 11.40 Tracks of My Years, this week featuring - two a day ten of the favourite records of the Culture Club frontman, singer/ songwriter, actor and DJ born George O'Dowd but better known as Boy George. He starts with 1969 records by the Beatles and BJ Thomas.

12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical show. 2.00pm Rylan In for Scott Mills. 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Jo Whiley 9.00 The Blues Show with **Cerys Matthews** 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 OJ Borg

**3.00 Pick of the Pops 1/2.** Steve Wright with this week in 1981, when the Top 20 included Adam and the Ants, Godley and Creme, Kim Wilde, Bucks Fizz, Dollar and Julio Iglesias. (R) **4.00 Owain Wyn Evans** 

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 New Music Fix Daily 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 1/8. The first of eight themed

playlists curated by Los Angeles trio Gabriels (Jacob Lusk, Ari Balouzian and Ryan Hope), with each member sharing music of personal signficance.

10.00 Riley and Coe

12.00 The First Time with Björk

Matt Everitt's 2011 chat with Biörk kicks off five hours of programming devoted to the idiosyncratic Icelandic singer, composer, actor and producer. See also Thursday 12 midnight

1.00am The Story of Björk 2.00 Björk Live Glastonbury in 2007. 3.00 Army of Me: Björk Now Miranda Sawyer hears from Björk about the creative process. From 2015. 4.00 The Björk Playlist 5.00 Chris Hawkins

#### Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 The Simon Mayo Drivetime Show **7.00** Jackie Brambles **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 John ey's Weather **7.35** Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton's Music Show 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 David Hamilton's Million Sellers 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Night Ride with Derek Webster 2.00am Music through the Night

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather Half-hourly 6.30-8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny whose playlist includes two shortlisted entries from the annual Radio 3 Carol Competition ahead of Thursday's announcement of the winner on his show. See 2pm

9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Vaughan Williams Christmas

1/5. Leith Hill Place. Kate Molleson explores Ralph Vaughan Williams's experiences of Christmas. She begins by delving into his early experiences of Christmas at his home in Leith Hill Place, Surrey, and as a student, exploring how the discovery of carols came to have such a huge impact on him. arr Vaughan Williams Dives and Lazarus Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea/William Vann **Vaughan Williams** *The First Nowell (excerpt)* 

Sarah Fox (soprano), Roderick Williams (baritone), Joyful Company of Singers, City of London Sinfonia, conductor Richard Hickox

Trad The Murder of Maria Marten Joseph Taylor (singer)

Vaughan Williams Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Andrew Manze

Suite for Viola and Small Orchestra, Group 1 Helen Callus (viola), New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, conductor Marc Decio Taddei Overture: The Wasps Hallé, conductor Mark Elder RT OFFER A Vaughan Williams Christmas – featuring organist Hugh Rowlands and the Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital Chelsea conducted by William Vann – is available for £16.90 inc p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref ALBCD035 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

From Wigmore Hall, London, Harry Christophers LIVE conducts the Sixteen in a programme featuring Christmas music of the Renaissance and traditional carols. Presented by Martin Handley. Anon Resonemus laudibus Palestrina Kyrie (Missa Hodie Christus natus est) Byrd Lulla, Lullaby, My Sweet Little Baby Trad Basque Gabriel's Message Byrd This Day Christ Was Born Handl Resonet in laudibus Trad Irish Wexford Carol Mouton Nesciens mater Virgo virum Palestrina Hodie Christus natus est Lambe Nesciens mater Trad English Sans Day Carol Lassus Resonet in laudibus Palestrina Gloria (Missa Hodie Christus natus est) Anon Herrick's Carol Sheppard Reges Tharsis

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Fiona Talkington, including pianist Yulianna Avdeeva in October in Munich, featured over the next three days. And at **2.30** Petroc Trelawny introduces the BBC Singers in a performance of the entries by this year's finalists in the annual Radio 3 Carol Competition, with the winner revealed on Thursday on his breakfast show. **Chopin** *Mazurka in D flat, Op 30 No 3* 

Yulianna Avdeeva (piano) **Arnold, arr Palmer** The Holly and the lvy – Fantasy on Christmas Carols BBC Philharmonic/Rumon Gamba Martines Sinfonia in C BBC Concert Orchestra,

conductor Johannes Wildner 2.30 Radio 3 Carol Competition Live Presented by Petroc Trelawny. BBC Singers, New Young Voice Collective, Members of the BBC Symphony Chorus, lain Farrington (piano), conductor Sofi Jeannin.

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7.00am Charles Nove Music and features. **10.00 Penny Smith** Including throughout the week at **11.30** top interviews and performances from the past year, starting with tennis coach-turned-author Judy Murray and Cuban-British choreographer and former dancer Carlos Acosta.

**1.00pm Sam Hughes** With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson With Classical Bangers. 7.00 Mark Forrest At 8.00 the Peaceful Piano playlist. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

**6.00am** The Everyday Hustle **7.00** Nikita Kanda **10.00** Certified **11.00** Haroon Rashid **2.00pm** Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 Bobby Friction 8.00 Motivation 10.00 Asian Network Chill 11.00 News Presents 12.00 Shades On Mix 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 R&B Anthems 4.00 Noreen Khan

3.50 Chopin Polonaise-Fantaisie in A flat, Op 61 Yulianna Avdeeva (piano)

**Bach, orch Elgar** Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV537 BBC Philharmonic/Leonard Slatkin 4.10 Purcell, arr Balsom Suite: King Arthur Alison Balsom (trumpet), English Concert, director Trevor Pinnock (harpsichord)

#### 4.30 New Generation Artists

Rachmaninov Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Op 42 Tom Borrow (piano)

Trad Italian Bella ci dormi Elina Duni (vocals), Rob Luft (guitar), Fred Thomas (piano)

**5.00 In Tune** Sean Rafferty welcomes Gareth Malone.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In a concert from October in Paris, Fiona Talkington introduces Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France in music by Ravel, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mohammed Abdel Wahab (1902–1991), and a dark work by André Caplet (1878–1925) inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's short story The Masque of the Red Death. Fatma Said (soprano), Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, conductor Pietari Inkinen.

Caplet Conte fantastique Ravel Shéhérazade

Wahab La Mosh Ana Ely Abky-Abki Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade, Op 35

9.30 Compline

A service of prayer for the third week of Advent, from the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Englefield Green, Surrey. Introit: O nata lux (Ben Parry). Blessing of Light: Phos hilaron (Stainer)
Preces (Plainsong). Hymn: Round Me Falls the Night (Arnstadt). Psalm 143 (Plainsong). Reading: Mark 13, vv32-37. Responsory: Into Thy Hands, O Lord (Plainsong). Canticle: Nunc dimittis (Rupert Gough). Anthem: A Hymn to Christ (Imagen Holst), Choir of Royal Holloway, University of London/Rupert Gough.

10.00 Music Matters Repeated from Saturday 11.45am

10.45 The Essay: The Story of Puddings
1/5. Tapioca. Fiona Stafford explores five of the world's favourite desserts, all of which have surprising stories. She begins with the equally loved and loathed tapioca, a native to South America, taken to Asia and Africa by Portuguese merchants, then Europe. **See feature: page 120** 

11.00 Night Tracks With Hannah Peel.

12.30 am Through the Night
John Shea with music, starting with a concert of viola da
gamba sonatas given in December at the Actus Humanus
Festival in Gdansk. 12.31 Abel Sonatas for viola da gamba
and harpsichord: in D, A275; in G minor, A 2:56a; in G minor,
A2:68a; in A minor, A2:57a; in D, A2:50; in A minor, A2:57a
Krzysztof Firlus (viola da gamba), Anna Firlus (harpsichord)
1.28 Haydh Mass in C, Missa in tempore belli, H XXII 9
(Paukenmesse) 2.09 JC Bach Quintet in F, Op 11 No 3
2.18 JS Bach, arr Busoni Prelude and Fugue in D, BWS32
2.31 Respiabli Concerto in modo misolidio 3.07 Palestrina **2.31 Respighi** Concerto in modo misolidio **3.07 Palestrina** Missa Ut re mi fa sol la (Agnus Dei) **3.14 Holst** Beni Mora, On 29 No 1 3.30 Gilse String Quartet (unfinished) 3.40 Op 29 No 13.30 Glise String Quartet (untinished) 3.40 Couperin Bruit de guerre 3.44 Schubert Five German Dances, D90 3.59 Handel Ah! che troppo inequali,HWV230 4.09 Grieg Piano Sonata in E minor, Op 7 4.31 Noskowski Pan Zolzikiewicz 4.38 Telemann Es wird ein unbarmherzig Gericht, TWV:542 4.49 Tournier Au matin 4.54 Sibelius Pohjola's Daughter, Op 49 **5.08** Byrd The Bells **5.16** Bernat Vivancos Messe aux sons des cloches **5.30** Debussy Ondine (Préludes, Book 2) **5.34** Mozart Quintet in E flat, K452 **5.57** Price Symphony No 3 in C minor (R)

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Skv 0106 Virgin 922 6.00am More Music Breakfast Aled Jones sits in for Tim Lihoreau.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Featuring two hours of requests from 12.00 and, at 3.00, three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame Top 300. Text requests on 61812 or via the website at ClassicFM.com

**4.00pm Margherita Taylor** Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to help listeners relax.

10.00 Calm Classics With Margherita Taylor. 1.00am Sam Pittis 4.00 Lucy Coward

#### Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble

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#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

**News** 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 5.56am, 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 57 9 59 12 30am

5.57, 9.59, 12.30am; **Shipping forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm (*LW*), 12.48am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day With Rabbi Warren Elf.

**5.45 Farming Today**News about food, farming and the countryside.

**5.58 Tweet of the Day** The gadwall, with Chris Packham. (R)

#### **6.00** Today

Presented by Mishal Husain and Justin Webb. **6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News** 

7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rt Rev Philip North.

#### 9.00 Start the Week

**Al, States and Corporations.** Tom Sutcliffe is joined by Mike Wooldridge, Naomi Alderman and David Runciman to discuss AI,

states and corporations.
Producer Katy Hickman Shortened repeat 9.30pm
See also The Life Scientific tomorrow 9am

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and Who We **Would Be without Them**

1/5. A Pale Blue Dot. Cosmologist Roberto Trotta explores the ways in which our lives are intertwined with the stars and asks how we in the modern retain our connection. Read by Khalid Abdalla. Abridged by Anna Magnusson. Producer Eilidh McCreadie Repeated 12.30am

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**9.45** LW **Daily Service**Led by Rachel Mann. Isaiah 9, vv2–6. Away in a Manger, sung by the Daily Service Singers; Silent Night, sung by the Daily Service Singers; O Come, All Ye Faithful, sung by the Daily Service Singers.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour

Emma Barnett presents the magazine show. Editor Karen Dalzie

#### 11.00 Fed with Chris van Tulleken

**8/8. Beyond the Bird.** Chris wrestles with the final dilemma – slaughter. Could he bring himself to dispatch an animal himself, and is he happy supporting an industry that kills animals on his behalf? He also explores the rise of the alternative protein industry. including plant-based meat alternatives and lab-grown meat, and considers the challenges of veganism. Producers Lucy Taylor and Emily Knight

#### 11.30 Analysis

3/5. What Makes a Good School? The BBC's education editor Branwen Jeffreys asks how parents, teachers and school leaders can work out whether a school is "good". She looks at who gets to decide what is a good school and what that means to different people. Producer Bob Howard; Editor Claire Fordham (R)

#### 12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

### 1.45 Mythical Creatures

New series. 1/10. Black Dogs
Rhianna Pratchett encounters mythical creatures to discover what they reveal about humankind, beginning with phantom dogs. She visits Suffolk to hear a tale of a hellhound that left its mark on the small town of Bungay. It's one of many spectral black dogs that are said to stalk coastal paths and lonely crossroads. Rhianna explores why black dogs appear so often in folklore, and their psychological link to fear and negative emotions.
Producers Sarah Harrison and Lorna Skingley

Executive producer Mel Harris

#### 2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

#### 2.15 Drama: A Wireless War

Hannah Khalil's play marking 100 years of BBC radio drama. At the outbreak of war in 1939, the BBC evacuated its newly-formed Radio Drama Company of actors, led by Val Gielgud, to Worcestershire, where they faced the challenge of recording a play in the stables of a Victorian stately home. Carl Prekopp Mary Ki Joel MacCormack Charles Siepmann Val Gielaud Kitty O'Sullivan Laurence Audrey/Wendy Clare Corbett Michael Bertenshaw Ben Crowe Warden
Jessica Turner Marius Goring
Josh Bryant-Jones Pete/Rill Gladys John Lightbody Leonard Director Toby Swift

#### 3.00 Counterpoint

2/13. Paul Gambaccini hosts the eclectic music quiz, featuring questions on anything from classical and jazz to show tunes and pop. Producer Paul Bajoria Repeated Saturday 11pm

#### 3.30 The Food Programme

#### 4.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage

#### 4.30 The Patch

Blackford, Perth and Kinross. The random postcode generator takes Polly Weston to the village of Blackford near Gleneagles, where a mysterious championship golf course has sat maintained and empty for a decade. The golf course is called gWest – but as the story unravels it reveals much more about the wealth in the area. Producer Polly Weston
Executive producer Jolyon Jenkins (R)

**5.00 PM** Presented by Evan Davis.

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

6/6. Jack Dee chairs the panel game from Dorking Halls, with Fred MacAulay, Milton Jones, Jo Brand and Omid Djalili. Producer Jon Naismith Rptd Christmas Eve 12.04pm

#### BBC Radio 4 Extra

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** (6/8) **6.30 The Same River Twice** Thriller (6/8) 7.00 The Remains of the Day as 5pm 7.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven as 12.15pm 7.30 Just Grand 2017 sitcom

8.00 Steptoe and Son 1971 sitcom
8.30 After Henry Comedy by Simon Brett (4/8)
9.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (2/7)
9.30 Ring around the Bath 2004 sitcom (6/6)

10.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker 11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (6/8)

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Dramatisation by Patricia Cumper of the sixth of seven autobiographies by writer, poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou (1928–2014), published in 2002 and covering the period between 1965 and 68. Narrated by Adjoa Andoh (1/5) **12.30 Just Grand** 2017 sitcom

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## **4.30 The Same River Twice** Thriller (6/8) **5.00 The Remains of the Day** John Moffatt reads Catherine Czerkawska's adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize-winning chronicle of a servant's lifetime of service as butler. From 1990 (1/10) **5.15** A Song Flung up to Heaven as 12.15pm **5.30** Just Grand 2017 sitcom **6.00** Steptoe and Son 1971 sitcom

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7.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (2/7)
7.30 Ring around the Bath 2004 sitcom (6/6)
8.00 Radiolab US radio series (7/8)
8.55 Inheritance Tracks With Robert Winston

**9.00 Mastertapes** Damon Albarn, Tony Allen, Paul Simonon and Simon Tong talk to John Wilson

about their 2007 album The Good, the Bad and the Queen. Continues tomorrow (1/2)

9.30 Midnight in Peking By Paul French (1/5) 9.45 November Dead List Crime thriller (1/5)
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: I'm Sorry I Haven't
a Clue (5/6), at 10.30 Bridget Christie's
Christmas List, at 10.45 Dr John Cooper

Clarke at the BBC, at 11.00 Dead Ringers (5/6) and at 11.30 The Masterson Inheritance (4/6) **12.00** as 3pm **1.00**am as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 12.30pm **2.30** as 12.30pm **3.30** as 1,30pm **4.00** as 2pm **4.30** as 7,30pm **5.00** The Expedition of

Humphry Clinker By Tobias Smollett (2/3)

#### 7.00 The Archers

Alan faces a last-minute hitch, and Emma finds herself in a precarious position. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Kate Trefry, a writer on the hit Netflix drama Stranger Things, talks to Samira Ahmed about adapting the show for the stage, and saxophonist Laura Misch performs live in the Front Row studio. Producer Ciaran Bermingham

#### 8.00 South Africa: the Children of **Paradise**

3/3. Without Hope, You're Dead. Fergal Keane and Milton Nkosi return to the places and people they encountered 30 years before in Western Cape, including the University in Stellenbosch that was once the centre of white and Afrikaner intellectual thought. Producer John Murphy Repeated Wednesday 11am on Radio 4 and 11.30pm BBC World Service

#### 8.30 Crossing Continents

**4/10.** In the first of two programmes, Tim Whewell reports on patriotic civilians in Ukraine who are battling for a fairer, less corrupt country, worthy of its war heroes. He follows one tireless citizens' group in the city of Dnipro as they continue to hold local authorities to account. Repeated from Thursday

## 9.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

**4/7. Envy.** Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward discuss how envy can motivate people to get what they want and the way it can drive a person to seek the destruction of others. Repeated from Tuesday

#### 9.30 Start the Week Shortened rpt from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

#### 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

6/10. Naoise Dolan's comedic exploration of modern love and millennial malaise. While attempting to write his wedding speech, Luke thinks back to when he first met Celine. Abridged by Rowan Routh and read by Archie Steele. Producer Michael Shannon

#### 11.00 Don't Log Off

4/4. A Seasonal Journey. Alan Dein connects online with strangers from around the world who live in locations that sum up the nostalgia of the season. They include 92-vear-old Pat, the matriarch of a tiny town in Indiana, Joona who works with huskies in Lapland, and Lisa who tells him more tales of the red crabs on Christmas Island.

#### 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News and Weather

12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### BC World Service

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** News **8.05** Hardtalk **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** The Newsroom **9.30** Crowd Science **10.00** News **10.05** The History Hour **11.00** The Newsroom 11.30 The History Hour II.00 The Newsroom
11.30 The Conversation: Kim Chakanetsa meets
cybersecurity experts Vandana Verma Sehgal
and Sophina Kio-Lawson 12.00 News
12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Crowd Science 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today

**8.05** From Our Own Correspondent **8.30** Inside Health: James Gallagher finds out exactly Inside Health: James Gallagher finds out exactly how much sitting is too much. First broadcast on Radio 4 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Conversation 12.00 News 12.05am The History Hour 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Poad a the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the New Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the Silk Poad at Silk Poad at the Article Stories from the Silk Poad at Silk Poad

Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic

3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 In the Studio

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### BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Wake Up to Money **6.00 5 Live Breakfast** With Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards.

9.00 Nicky Campbell Topical discussions, with phone-ins.

#### Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

11.00 Naga Munchetty With the latest news and big-name interviews from around the UK.

#### 1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

News and topical conversation including big-name interviews. 4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.
Plus interviews linked to topical and cultural issues

#### 7.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news and features, including at **7.00 The** Monday Night Club, in which he's joined by Shay Given and Rory Smith to discuss the weekend's football. At 9.00 5 Live Golf, wth a look back at Europe's victories in both the Ryder Cup and the Solheim Cup.

**10.00 Colin Murray** With regular features, including at 12.00 Monday Night Fan Club, with experts discussing in depth a favourite hobby or interest declared by a listener, who also features.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

#### **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra  $\textbf{F'view} \ 706 \ \textbf{F'sat} \ \bar{706} \ \textbf{Sky} \ 0131 \ \textbf{Virgin} \ 908$ 

#### 5.00am-11.00 Cricket

Continued coverage on the fifth day of the First Test between Australia and Pakistan in Perth.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Jeff Stelling.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs 4.00 Talksport Drive Opinionated sporting debate. 7.00 Kick Off Sports debate. 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

#### Talksport 2

#### DAB talksport.co.uk

7.00pm-10.00 Championship Football Birmingham City v Leicester City (kick-off 8.00). 10.00-11.00 PDC World Darts **Championship** Day four at Alexandra Palace, London.

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight

with Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am** Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

#### Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Luke Jones 10.00 Matt Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00** The Evening Edition with Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat



## TUESDAY Radio

#### TODAY'S CHOICES



#### In the Studio 11.30am/11.30pm **BBC World Service**

Belgian director Ivo van Hove has a treasure trove of theatre to draw upon, but presenter/ producer Susan Marling sensibly confines this half-hour to his most recent work, along with a tantalising glimpse of his next venture, Jesus Christ Superstar. First she joins him in rehearsal for A Little Life, an intense adaptation of a novel about child sexual abuse and its impact on a successful lawyer. played by James Norton, which has now been and gone on the London stage. An intimate story driven by the wider issue of abuse in the Catholic church, told with Van Hove's trademark use of video alongside the action on stage, it illustrates the director's self-described "maximalist minimalist" approach. FIONA HUGHES

#### Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3** 

"The trumpet shall sound" but not where you'd expect, in this performance of Messiah! While today's musicians have spent the past half-century trying to make all early music sound as old as possible, when Mozart came to arrange Handel's oratorio for performances in Vienna some 50 years after its Dublin premiere, he saw his job as being to make it sound as modern as he could, updating the orchestration with extra wind and brass, and even replacing the solo trumpet in that famous aria with a French horn, MARK PAPPENHEIM

#### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p121 The Life Scientific

9.00am Radio 4 Jim Al-Khalili hosts the 300th episode at the Royal Institution.

#### BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Annie Nightingale **1.00am** Drum 'n' Bass Mix **2.00** Workout Anthems **3.00** Relax **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

#### **BBC** Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My Years, with Boy George discussing two more of his favourite records of

all time: one by Gladys Knight and the Pips and one by Elvis Presley. 12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical show. 2.00pm Rylan

7.00 Jo Whiley Chat, music and the Culture Club,

4.00 Sara Cox

with Emma Bullimore's TV picks. 9.00 The Jazz Show with

Jamie Cullum A festive jazz playlist, including Ella Fitzgerald, Samara Joy and Louis Prima. Plus a live performance by José James from a session at the

BBC's Maida Vale Studios in London.

10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 OJ Borg

**3.00am Pick of the Pops 2/2.** Steve Wright with this week in 1991, including Right Said Fred, the KLF featuring Tammy Wynette, and Kate Bush. (R) 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens **7.00 New Music Fix Daily**With Deb Grant and Tom Ravenscroft.

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 2/8. Further picks from trio Gabriels. 10.00 Riley and Coe Marc Riley and Gideon Coe with eclectic playlists. 12.00 6 Music's Rave Forever

1.00am Mastertapes 1&2/2. John Wilson invites Billy Bragg to discuss his 1986 LP Talking with the Taxman about Poetry. He also performs songs from the album and answers queries from audience members at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios. From 2012.

2.00 Steve Lamacq's Christmas Knees Up with Billy Bragg and the

**Big Moon** From 2019. **3.00 Live Hour** James Yorkstone in 2002 at the Auto Festival in Rotherham. plus sessions by Lorde (in 2013) and Echo and the Bunnymen (in 1979). **4.00 The 6 Music Playlist** 

5.00 Chris Hawkins

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW **6.00am** Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce **1.00pm** Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham 8.00 Easy Hour 9.00 David Hamilton 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Derek Webster 2.00am Through the Night

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny, whose playlist includes two more shortlisted entries from this year's Radio 3 Carol Competition ahead of Thursday's announcement of the winner.

#### 9.00 Essential Classics

Georgia Mann with music and input from listeners.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Vaughan Williams Christmas

2/5. Christmases in Italy and London. Kate Molleson explores Vaughan Williams's burgeoning friendships with Gustav Holst and Adeline Fisher, who would be his first wife.

arr Vaughan Williams I Saw Three Ships Come In Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, director William Vann Vaughan Williams Willow Wood Roderick Williams

(baritone), Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor David Lloyd-Jones Vaughan Williams, arr Douglas Suite: Folk Songs of the Four Seasons Royal Scottish National Orchestra, conductor Martin Yates Trad The High-low well Wiggy Smith (singer)

arr Vaughan Williams The Holy Well (version 1) Derek Welton (baritone), Jain Burnside (piano) Vaughan Williams Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis Aurora Orchestra, conductor Nigel Short

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Hannah French presents the first in a series of concerts devoted to Saint-Saëns and his circle, from March 2022 at LSO St Luke's, London. Today's recital features the Nash Ensemble, founded in 1964. Saint-Saens Caprice sur des airs danois et russes Op 79; Tarantelle in A minor, Op 6 Fauré Piano Quartet No 2 in G minor, Op 45 (R)

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Fiona Talkington, including more from pianist Yulianna Avdeeva in a concert from October in Munich. Bridge Sir Roger de Coverley BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Richard Hickox Rachmaninov Preludes, Op 23: No 10 in G flat; No 9 in E flat minor; No 8 in A flat; No 7 in C minor

Yulianna Avdeeva (piano) **Debussy, orch Caplet** Clair de lune (Suite bergamasque) Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Alain Altinoglu

Brahms Two Songs for Voice, Viola and Piano, Op 91 Ema Nikolovska (mezzo), Timothy Ridout (viola), Jonathan Ware (piano)

Fanny Mendelssohn Overture in C Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Maxim Emelyanychev Vivaldi Trio Sonata in D minor, Op 1 No 12 (La follia) Hesperion XXI

3.00 Sibelius Violin Concerto, Op 47 Ning Feng, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Vassily Petrenko

**Weinberg** *Piano Sonata No 4*, *Op 56* Yulianna Avdeeva 4.15 Bach, arr Stravinsky Chorale Variations on Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her BBC Singers, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Ryan Wigglesworth

#### Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music from films, TV, adverts and video games.

**10.00 Penny Smith** A week-long round-up of some of the year's top interviews and performances continues with author Val McDermid and *Ted Lasso* star Nick Mohammed. Plus listeners' requests from 12.00.

1.00pm Sam Hughes Classics and new discoveries 4.00 Richard Allinson Including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six.

7.00 Mark Forrest At 8.00 the Peaceful Piano playlist. **10.00 The Space** A playlist designed to be calming. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Chill 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby Friction **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00** Anthems 11.00 Celebrates 12.00 Ankur Desai 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 The Story of Sidhu Moose Wala 4.30 Club Hit Squad Mix 5.00 Asian Network News Presents

Wagner Overture: Die Meistersinger Ulster Orchestra, conductor Geoffrey Paterson Magi Bukoolika Estonian National Symphony Orchestra, conductor Arvo Volmei

#### **5.00 In Tune**

Sean Rafferty with news from the classical world, music and studio guests, today featuring mandolin player Avi Avital – ahead of Saturday's concert at Wigmore Hall - and, performing live, flautist Brandon Patrick George.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In a concert from last Tuesday at the Barbican in London, Martin Handley presents Mozart's reimagining of Handel's seasonal work, Messiah. Hilary Cronin (soprano), Helen Charlston (mezzo), Laurence Kilsby (tenor), Morgan Pearse (bass), BBC Singers, Britten Sinfonia, conductor Sofi Jeannin Handel, arr Mozart Messiah

#### 10.00 Free Thinking

Rana Mitter is joined by authors Tania Branigan, Halik Kochanski and Nandini Das, who in 2023 all won prizes for their history books. Their respective subjects are Cultural Revolution memories, Second World War resistance across Europe from the occupied Soviet Union to the Netherlands, and the four years that Thomas Roe spent in India as ambassador for James I. And Ed Yong and John Vaillant discuss their books about our understanding of weather, nature and animals.

10.45 The Essay: The Story of Puddings **2/5. Summer Pudding.** Fiona Stafford continues a survey of pudding favourites with a look at the history of summer pudding, little known in the States despite having started out more than a century ago as a symbol of health for weight-conscious American women. Through this relatively low-calorie dessert the programme explores how, before refined sugar, desserts were not seen as an especially unhealthy course. Poorer families would have soup and a hearty dessert, as their main meal, with desserts much more likely to be fruit- and wholegrain- based.

11.00 Night Tracks With Hannah Peel.

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea. Bernasconi L'huomo Philipp Mathmann (soprano), Maria Ladurner (soprano), Francesca Benitez (soprano), Florian Götz (baritone), Alice Lackner (mezzo), Simon Bode (tenor), Anna Herbst (soprano), Johanna Rosa Falkinger (soprano), Ensemble 1700, conductor Dorothee Oberlinger 2.27 Anon Paradetas (after Lucas Ruiz de Ribayaz) 2.31 Beethoven Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat, Op 19 3.01 Thomson String Quartet No 2 3.25 Ruth Watson Henderson The Song My Paddle Sings 3.29 Geminiani Concerto grosso in G minor 3.37 Saint-Saëns Mon cúur s'ouvre à ta voix (Samson et Jalia) (art for trumpet and orchestra) 3.44 Heyral, arr Rochon Le Noël de la rue 3.49 Chopin Andante spianato et grande polonaise brillante, Op 22 4.04 Mozart Serenade in G, K525 (Eine kleine Nachtmusik) 4.19 Prætorius Wenn wir in höchsten Nöhten seyn (Polyhymnia Caduceatrix et Panegyrica) **4.31 Lisinski** Evening **4.38 Bach** Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV542 **4.45 Parac** Pastorale **4.53 Hurlebusch** Concerto in A minor for two oboes, solo violin, strings and basso continuo **5.05 Chopin** Fantaisie in F minor, Op 49 **5.19 Kodaly** My Heart Is Breaking 5.25 Prokofiev Violin Concerto No 1. Op 19 **5.47 Mancini** Missa Septimus **6.13 Vaughan Williams** Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Aled Jones. **9.00 Alexander Armstrong** Classical hits, starting with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring

favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At 10.15 Album of the Week. 12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at 12.00 Classic

FM Requests – with listeners phoning in requests during the programme - and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3, featuring three works from the Classic Hall of Fame chart. 4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**. 10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram.

1.00am Sam Pittis 4.00 Lucy Coward

#### **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble





### 19 DECEMBER TUESDAY

#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as yesterday; no weather at 5.56am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A prayer and reflection with Rabbi Warren Elf. 5.45 Farming Today Rural developments.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Brett Westwood introduces the song of the jay. (R)

#### 6.00 Today

With Nick Robinson and Justin Webb.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 6.45 Yesterday in Parliament 7.48 Thought for the Day

With Rhidian Brook.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

#### 9.00 The Life Scientific

8/8. In the programme's 300th episode, Jim Al-Khalili is at the Royal Institution in London, to talk to this year's RI Christmas Lecturer Mike Wooldridge, professor of AI at the University of Oxford, in front of an audience. Wooldridge talks about lifting the lid on modern AI technology, reminisces about when email was a novelty, tells how he is always asked about the Terminator at parties, and is set a challenge by ChatGPT.

See choice: page 121.
Producer Lucy Taylor Repeated 9.30pm

#### 9.30 One to One

**8/8.** In the second of two conversations about navigating the online world as a parent and the effect the toxic parenting culture has on mothers, Samira Shackle talks to school counsellor and mother of two teenagers Helen Oliver. Producer Eliza Loma:

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and Who We **Would Be without Them**

**2/5.** Cosmic Clocks. By Roberto Trotta. Today he examines the contribution of clockmakers to astronomical exploration, and explores what happens when two different navigation traditions collide. Read by Khalid Abdalla. Next episode tomorrow 8.45pm. For details see yesterday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Angel Morgan. Luke 2, vv1–7. Mary Did You Know, performed by Angel Morgan; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, from a Daily Service Carol Concert (BBC Recording); O Holy Night, performed by Angel Morgan.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett. 11.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

5/7. Gluttony. Ahead of a time of eating, drinking and being merry, Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward discuss the consequences of gluttony. The pair decide that though a bit of indulgence isn't such a bad thing, overdoing it can short circuit the dopamine reward systems.
Producer Becky Ripley Repeated Christmas Day 5.30pm

**BBC Radio 4 Extra** 

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

7.00 The Remains of the Day (2/10)

**6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** (7/8) **6.30 The Same River Twice** as 4.30pm

7.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (2/5) 7.30 Ed Reardon at Christmas as 12.30pm

**8.00 The Goon Show** A 1954 festive edition **8.30 Instant Sunshine** as 6.30pm

**9.00 The Motion Show** 2002 comic debate (3/6) **9.30 Winston** Comedy by Peter Tinniswood (3/6)

10.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker 11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affaira(7/8) 11.30 The Same River Twice as 4.30pm

2022) and Christopher Douglas, who stars as the titular curmudgeonly author. With Jenny Agutter,

Stephanie Cole, Phil Jackson and others. From 2012

**2.00 The Motion Show** 2002 comic debate (3/6) **2.30 Winston** Comedy by Peter Tinniswood (3/6)

Dramatisation by Yvonne Antrobus of Tobias Smollett's satirical 1771 novel exploring the nuances

1.00 The Goon Show A 1954 festive edition 1.30 Instant Sunshine as 6.30pm

3.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

**12.00** The Remains of the Day (2/10) 12.15pm A Song Flung up to Heaven (2/5)
12.30 Ed Reardon at Christmas A Christmas edition of the comedy by Andrew Nickolds (1949–

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

#### 11.30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics

4/4. Livia. Natalie Haynes, Dr Emma Southon and Professor Llewelvn Morgan delve into the story of Livia, the first Empress of Rome, and her husband Emperor Augustus Octavian. Their family famously lost many members to untimely death for which Livia seems to have unreasonably got the blame. Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

#### 12.04pm Call You and Yours

Consumer affairs with Winifred Robsinon. PHONE: 0370 010 0444 (Lines open from 10am) FMAIL: vouandvours@hhc co.uk

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

#### 1.45 Mythical Creatures

2/10. Dragons. Rhianna Pratchett travels to Sunderland in search of real-life dragons that could be behind the myth of the Lambton Worm. She explores how dragons reflect human power struggles, symbolise changing threats and how they are used to justify land rights.

#### 2.00 The Archers

peated from yesterday 7pm

#### 2.15 Drama: Porcelain

Past and present, real and supernatural collide in this modern-day changeling story by Margaret Perry. Overqualified administrative assistant Hat grew up in the shadow of a fairy fort, famously the site of the 1895 murder of Bridget Cleary by her husband, who believed that she had been abducted by fairies with a changeling left in her place. When Hat's life changes unexpectedly, her familiar mythologies are all that can make sense of her world.

Jessie Buckley Sarah Don Gilet Michael Niamh Denyer Alan Mahon Emma Handy Bridget Silvertongue Lucy Doyle Director Jessica Dromgoole (R)

See also Heart and Soul Friday 11.30am World Service

#### 3.00 The Kitchen Cabinet

#### 3.30 Doctor, Doctor

3/8. Phil Hammond hears from public health expert John Ashton about what drives him to work for healthier lives and communities. Producer David Morley

#### 4.00 The Big League

The story of the Man v Fat football leagues, in which men with a BMI over 27.5 come together to play football to lose weight and talk about their mental health. The team that loses the most weight in each league's season wins the trophy. Producer Jay Unger

#### 4.30 Great Lives

3/8. Philosopher John Gray chooses the acclaimed British writer of dystopian and speculative fiction, JG Ballard, in conversation with the author's daughter Bea Ballard. Presented by Matthew Parris Producer Beth Sagar-Fenton Repeated Thursday 11.30am

of 18th-century aristocratic life, as Squire Bramble

and family embark on their whistle-stop tour of Great Britain. With Nigel Anthony, Marcia Warren,

Helen Longwroth and others. From 2008 (2/3) **4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** (7/8)

4.30 The Same River Twice Thriller by Edward Boyd, starring Gordon Jackson. From 1966 (7/8) 5.00 The Remains of the Day (2/10) 5.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (2/5)

5.30 Ed Reardon at Christmas as 12.30pm 6.00 The Goon Show A 1954 festive edition 6.30 Instant Sunshine A 1985 festive special of

the musical comedy, with Miles Kington (1941–2008)

7.00 The Motion Show 2002 comic debate (3/6)

7.30 Winston Comedy by Peter Tinniswood (3/6) 8.00 TED Radio Hour With Manoush Zomorodi 8.50 Inheritance Tracks With Don McLean 9.00 Mastertapes With Damon Albarn, Paul

9.30 Midnight in Peking Non-fiction work (2/5)
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9.45 November Dead List Crime thriller (2/5)
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Best Medicine (11/11),

10.30 Earls of the Court (4/6), 10.45 Quando, Quando, Quando (4/6), 11.00 The Absolutely Radio Show (3/4), 11.30 Pleased to Meet You (1/2) 12.00 as 3pm 1.00 am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 12.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 13.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 The County 1.30 as 7.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 4.30 as 7.

5.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker (3/3)

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 Henry Normal: a Normal Journey

Henry Normal explores his life journey through the poems, jokes and stories that have led him to this point in life. Recorded at The Met in his home town of Bury. Producer Carl Cooper

#### 7.00 The Archers

Life gets awkward for Alice and George makes the most of a situation. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Adam Driver talks to Tom Sutcliffe about his latest role in Michael Mann's Ferrari. Driver discusses playing Enzo Ferrari, the charismatic Italian car manufacturer, at a time of personal and professional crisis. Producer Paul Waters

#### 8.00 Uninsurable Planet

Felicity Hannah explores the fortunes of people living in areas now deemed "uninsurable" thanks to climate change - including one landlord in "hurricane alley" in Louisiana, who has seen his premiums more than triple in two years. Like many, he's left in a bind where he faces prohibitive insurance but is unable to sell up and move. Hannah asks whether these kinds of pressures from the insurance industry could influence governments to take more aggressive action on climate change. Producer Nick Holland Repeated Christmas Eve 5pm

#### 8.40 In Touch

News and features for blind and partially sighted listeners. Presented by Peter White. nducer Pete Wilson

#### 9.00 All in the Mind

Claudia Hammond explores how the emotional impact of music influences the way we form memories. Producer Lucy Taylor Reneated tomorrow 3 30nm

9.30 The Life Scientific Repeated from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

#### 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy

### Couple

**7/10.** By Naoise Dolan. Luke confesses what Maria told him in the hotel on the night of his engagement party. Read by Archie Steele. For details see yesterday

#### 11.00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn

6/10. The Thank You Card Problem. Marian and Tara consider the dread of sending thank you cards and how to make amends if you've accidentally angered all the old women in your apartment block. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Steve Doherty

### 11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News and Weather

12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906 Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 People Fixing the World **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** Newsroom **9.30** The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic **10.00** News 10.05 Arts Hour 11.00 Newsroom 11.30 CHOICE: In the Studio: Susan Marling talks to theatre director Ivo van Hove 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 sroom **1.30** Inside Health **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World: improving landfill sites in France, Singapore and Improving landmill sites in France, Singapore and India 3.30 World Business 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic: carbon neutral Iceland's energy collaboration with China 8.30 Tech Life 9.00 Newshour **10.00** Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business **11.00** News **11.05** People Fixing the World 11.30 CHOICE: In the Studio **12.00** News **12.05am** Arts Hour **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** Newsroom **2.30** Climate Question 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History **4.00** Newsroom **4.30** The Documentary: South Africa - the Children of Paradise (3/3)

#### BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with sport, news and weather

#### **9.00 Nicky Campbell** Topical discussions, with a phone-in. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

#### 11.00 Naga Munchetty

News, big-name interviews and listeners' personal experiences.

#### 1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake News, big-name interviews and topical conversation.

#### 4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with a round-up of news and sport.

**7.00 5 Live Sport**Kelly Cates with sports news, debate and, from **7.45**, updates from Everton v Fulham and Port Vale v Middlesbrough in the League Cup quarter-finals. Plus build-up to the **8.00** commentary on Chelsea v Newcastle United in the quarter-finals of the League Cup. Plus further updates from the other two quarter-finals.

#### 10.30 Colin Murray Vital topical discussion. Plus **The**

Big News Hour and Midnight Meets. 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

#### **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10-11.30am Cricket Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash League at Adelaide Oval.

7.40-9.45pm League Cup **Football** Everton v Fulham in the quarter-finals.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Jeff Stelling.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker **7.00 Talksport Drive 7.00 League Cup Football**Chelsea v Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge (kick-off **8.00**). 10.00 Sports Bar 12.00 Extra Time 5.00am Early Breakfast

#### Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World Darts **Championship** Commentary on day five at Alexandra Palace, London. 7.15–12 midnight T20 International Cricket

Commentary on West Indies v England in the fourth T20.

#### LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am** Richard Spurr **4.00** lan Payne

#### Times Radio

#### DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Luke Jones 10.00 Mattr Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover 5.00 John Pienaar 7.00 Pienaar and Friends **8.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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## WEDNESDAY Radio

#### **TODAY'S CHOICES**



#### Drama: Tess of the Tollbooth

2.15pm **Radio 4** 

A perfect piece of scheduling with a drama that brings together some great comic talents (Shaparak Khorsandi, Rosie Cavaliero and Jonathan Forbes) but acknowledges that Christmas and New Year don't necessarily bring joy to all. Tess (Khorsandi) is stuck, almost literally given her work in a cramped tollbooth. She's been dating a man unwilling to leave his troubled partner and suffers the constant calls of a demanding mother when not at work. Her fellow tollbooth worker Kel (Cavaliero) can see it, as can Rob (Forbes), a nightly visitor paying the 30p fee. The laughs come via various sources, including a Christmas bauble attack, but there are precious moments when a tissue may be needed – and not just to wipe away the chocolate-cream reindeer thrown onto the tollbooth window. ANNA JONES

#### The Hidden History of the Wall

11.30am Radio 4

Walls are often taken for granted or, in the Donald Trump era, provoke negative connotations. But these fundamental of structures can tell us a lot about society throughout the ages. From Norman castles to Victorian houses, cultural sociologist Rachel Hurdley travels the length of Britain exploring the fascinating history of walls. Destinations include Ightham Mote in Kent, one of the oldest surviving medieval houses in the country, and a terrace of ironworkers' cottages near Cardiff that each represent a different period from the Industrial Revolution. This is the latest in a series of programmes by Hurdley that has also included ones on mantelpieces, front doors and attics. TOM GOULDING

#### **BBC Radio 1**

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Going Home with Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds 8.00 Future Artists 10.00 Power Down Playlist 11.00 Benji B 1.00am Classic Essential Mix 3.00 Relax 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, with Boy George discussing Alice Cooper and David Bowie.

12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical show. 2.00pm Rylan A special show featuring Rylan's interview with Cher, recorded during

the making of his recent exclusive TV special Cher Meets Rylan (available on BBC iPlayer). Marking 25 years since the chart run of her blockbuster single Believe, the popicon and actor born Cherilyn Sarkisian looks back on her life and music, 58 years since her massive debut hit (with Sonny Bono), I Got You Babe.

#### 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Jo Whiley 9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe

Scottish singers Julie Fowlis and Karine Polwart join Mark for music and chat from a truly remote location: the village of Inverie on the Knoydart Peninsula in Lochaber.

#### 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 OJ Borg

3.00am Sounds of the 90s Natalie Appleton (of All Saints) sits in for Fearne Cotton, with a "night out" mixtape of the Prodigy, N-Trance, and the KLF. (R) **4.00 Owain Wyn Evans** 

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 New Music Fix Daily
9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 3/8. More music picks from Gabriels. 10.00 Riley and Coe

12.00 Freak Zone Playlist
1.00am Peel Acres Tom Ravenscroft invites Jarvis Cocker to peruse the vast record collection of his father, John Peel (1939–2004), From 2023.

2.00 Music programme **3.00 Live Hour** Buddy Curtis and the Grasshoppers at Glastonbury in 1986. Plus PAtT (in 2009) and !!! (in 2017).

### 4.00 Jukebox 5.00 Chris Hawkins

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** More Music **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Vaughan Williams Christmas

3/5. At War. A look at what Christmas was like for Vaughan Williams during the First World War. arr Vaughan Williams As Joseph Was Walking Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, director William Vann

Vaughan Williams A London Symphony (Symphony No 2) (3rd mvt) Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Andrew Manze Fantasia on Christmas Carols

City of London Sinfonia, conductor Richard Hickox Symphony No 3 (2nd mvt) London Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Adrian Boult

Trad, arr Vaughan Williams On Christmas Night Tony Wales (vocals and guitar)

arr Vaughan Williams Sussex Carol Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Hugh Rowlands (organ), director William Vann Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending Sarah Chang (violin), London PO, conductor Bernard Haitink

#### 1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Hannah French introduces bass-baritone Ashley Riches and pianist Joseph Middleton in a recital from March 2022 at LSO St Luke's, London. Saint-Saëns La brise, Au cimitière;

Tournoiement (Mélodies persanes, Op 26) **Duparc** La vague et la cloche; Phidylé; Serenade **Debussy** Nuit d'étoiles; Beau soir; Fêtes galantes (selection: En sourdine; Fantoches; Claire de lune) Ravel Histoires naturelles (R)

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Fiona Talkington, including early music group Ensemble Polyharmonique with choral music Nunes Garcia Sinfonia funebre BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Emilie Godden Szpilman Suite: The Life of the Machines Yulianna Avdeeva (piano)

Finzi Romance for Strings, Op 11 Academy of St Martin in the Fields, conductor Neville Marriner Schütz Selig sind die Toten; Unser Wandel ist im Himmel Ensemble Polyharmonique, Klaus Eichhorn (organ)

Joby Talbot The Winter's Tale (excerpts) Eliza Marshall (bansuri), BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Daniel Parkinson

Rautavaara Notturno e danza

Johan Dalene (violin), Nicola Eimer (piano) 3.00 Brahms Symphony No 1 in C minor Hong Kong Philharmonic, conductor Jaap van Zweden Rachmaninov Piano Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, Op 36 Yulianna Avdeeva

**4.10 Scheidemann** Praeambulum in D minor, WV33 Bernhard Wie der Hirsch schreiet nach frischem Wasser Ensemble Polyharmonique, Klaus Eichhorn (organ)

#### 4.00 Choral Evensong

From Norwich Cathedral, including music by LIVE Leighton, Matthew Martin, Dupré and the world premiere of a new work by Kerensa Briggs. Introit: O Clavis David (Kerensa Briggs) (first performance); Responses: Michael Nicholas; Office Hymn: O Come,

#### Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove

10.00 Penny Smith This week's round-up of some of the year's top interviews and performances continues with guests from Penny's weekly Wednesday Scala Sessions feature: violinist Nigel Kennedy and cast members from the West End musical Operation Mincemeat.

1.00pm Sam Hughes Popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features. 7.00 Mark Forrest At 8.00 the Peaceful Piano playlist. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby Friction **8.00** DJ Limelight and Kan D Man 10.00 Hit Squad Mix 11.00 Motivation 12.00 Asian Network News Presents 1.00am Mashups 3.00 Motivation 4.00 Chill 5.00 The Everyday Hustle

O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel, arr Grote); Psalms 4, 9 (Martin, Elvey); First Lesson: Isaiah 51, vv1–8; Canticles: Collegium Magalenae Oxoniense (Leighton); Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1, vv1-12; Anthem: Angelus ad Virginem (Matthew Martin); Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (Helmsley); Voluntary: Symphonie-Passion (Le monde dans l'attente du sauveur) (Dupré). Master of music Ashley Grote. Organist David Dunnett. Repeated Sunday 3pm

#### 5.00 In Tune Christmas Special

From the BBC Radio Theatre, Katie Derham LIVE and Sean Rafferty introduce Christmas gems from some of In Tunes's performer friends, including cellist Natalie Clein, folk singer Cara Dillon, pianist lain Farrington, Alex Mendham and His Orchestra, the Kleio String Quartet and the BBC Singers.

7.00 Classical Mixtape Nonstop music.

#### 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In a concert from 7 December at Wigmore Hall, Ian Skelly introduces a programme of Bach's vocal and choral works performed by Solomon's Knot, the London venue's Baroque ensemble-in-residence. Bach Cantata No 60: O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort; Cantata No 70: Wachet! Betet! Betet! Wachet!; Magnificat in E flatm BWV243a, with Christmas

#### 10.00 Free Thinking

In a programme exploring the lure of Greece and Crete, Shahidha Bari is joined by curator Ian Collins and author Natalie Haynes to discuss Haynes's recently published book Divine Might: Goddesses in Greek Myth and also Collins's exhibition at Pallant House Gallery in Chichester celebrating London-born painter and "Arcadian" John Craxton (1922– 2009), a well-known contemporary of Lucien Freud who in 1947 left England for a life in Crete. And Dr Lucy Jackson talks about the chorus in Greek drama.

#### 10.45 The Essay: The Story of Puddings

3/5. Crème brûlée. Fiona Stafford explores the French dessert whose title translates as "burnt cream". It has been thought of as a French creation (1697), but British food historians have claimed it as a creation by the chefs at Trinity College, Cambridge (founded in 1546), prompting French academics to then cite their version from the early 1500s, with literary references.

11.00 Night Tracks With Hannah Peel.

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea. **Haydn** Symphony No 47 in G; Symphony No 44 in E minor (Mourning); Symphony No 43 in E flat (Mercury) Concerto Copenhagen, conductor Lars Ulrik Mortensen 1.46 Schubert String Quartet in G, D887 2.31 Biber Missa Salisburgensis 3.13 Beethoven Piano Sonata in D, Missa Salisburgerisis S.1.3 Betatiloven Pialio Solital III J. 0p 28 (Pastoral) 3.39 Mussorgsky Overture: Khovanschina 3.45 Arvo Pärt Spiegel im Spiegel 3.52 Arnold Three Shanties for Wind Quintet, Op 4 4.00 Raitio Joutsenet, 0p 15 4.09 Eccles Sonata for double bass and piano 4.17 Schubert Du bist die Ruh, D776 (arr Reger for voice and orchestra) **4.22 Corelli** Trio Sonata in C, Op 3 No 8 **4.31 Humperdinck** Overture: Hänsel und Gretel **4.39 Chopin** Scherzo No 1 in B minor, Op 20 **4.48 Schoenberg** Friede auf Erden, Op 13 **4.58 Sor** Introduction and Variations on a Theme by Mozart, Op 9 5.07 Vivaldi Concerto in G minor, RV576 (per l'orchestra di Dresda) 5.16 Hellendaal Sonata Prima in G for Violincello, Op 5 No 5 5.25 Grieg Old Norwegian Romance With Variations, Op 51 5.50 Handel Let God Arise, HWV256/b 6.02 Ravel Piano Trio in A minor (R)

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Skv 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Aled Jones. 9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting with the Classic Hall of Fame Hour, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15** Album of the Week.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes presented three hours of potentially calming classical music to help listeners relax and recharge. 10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram.

1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

#### **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danie Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble



### 20 DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as vesterday

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day**A prayer and reflection with Rabbi Warren Elf.

**5.45 Farming Today**News about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day Michael Palin presents the common poorwill. (R)

#### **6.00 Today**

With Martha Kearney and Nick Robinson.

### **6.25, 7.25, 8.25** Sports News **6.45** Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rev Canon Dr Jennifer Smith.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

#### 9.00 The Reith Lectures

FM only from 9.45

**4/4.** Professor Ben Ansell delivers the last of his lectures on Our Democratic Future. His subject today is the future of prosperity and he wonders whether it is possible for economies to continue to grow without despoiling the Earth. He also focuses on the existential threats created by human innovation and asks whether current politics are up to the task of supporting sustainable growth. Hosted by Anita Anand at the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts in Atlanta, Georgia. Producer Jim Frank; Editors China Collins, Clare Fordham Repeated Saturday 11pm Radio 4, with a revised repeat at 7.05pm on Saturday World Service

**9.45** *LW* **Daily Service** Led by Bishop David Walker. Luke 2, vv8–14. O Little Town of Bethlehem, sung by the Daily Service Singers; While Shepherds Watched, sung by the Daily Service Singers: Angels from the Realms of Glory, sung by the Daily Service Singers.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett. 11.00 South Africa: the Children of **Paradise**

3/3. Without Hope, You're Dead. Fergal Keane and Milton Nkosi return to the university in Stellenbosch that was once the centre of white and Afrikaner intellectual thought. Repeated from Monday 8pm

#### 11.30 The Hidden History of the Wall

Cultural sociologist Rachel Hurdley travels around England and Wales to discover what walls can reveal about how people live, from Iron Age roundhouses to Victorian mansions. Rachel tries her hand at making wattle and daub for roundhouses at Castell Henllys in Pembrokeshire and climbs through the thick stone walls of the Norman castle at Conisbrough, South Yorkshire, She looks at the way walls have defined living spaces since medieval times and hears stories about people and animals trapped inside them. Producers Sara Parker; Exec producer Samir Shah

#### 12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

#### 1.45 Mythical Creatures

3/10. Water Demons. Rhianna Pratchett explores the dark world of water demons, from Jenny Greenteeth to kelpies. She hears chilling details of their activities and learns what can be used for protection against them.

#### 2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

#### 2.15 Drama: Tess of the Tollbooth

By Ali Sparkes. Night-shift tollbooth worker Tess is stuck in a rut, but regular bridge-crosser Rob could be the remedy. As a new year looms, Tess is looking for a change. Shaparak Khorsandi Rob Jonathan Forbes Rosie Cavaliero Darren Hasan Dixon Kiell Smith-Bynoe Bobby Producer Nadia Molinari

#### 3.00 Money Box Live

Listeners receive financial advice. EMAIL: moneybox@bbc.co.uk

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3.30 All in the Mind Rptd from yesterday 9pm 4.00 Living Free

Eighteen-year-olds leaving the child care system in Wales have been offered £20,000 a year, no strings attached, as part of the most generous trial of a basic income ever tried. The Welsh Government hopes it will save money in the long term, while opponents have a called it a "failed socialist experiment" We hear the stories of care leavers to find out what impact it has had on them.
Producer Gavin Fischer Repeated Saturday flam

#### 4.30 The Media Show

Ros Atkins with news from the media industry. Producer Dan Hardoon Repeated 9.30pm

**5.00 PM** Presented by Evan Davis.

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?

2/4. Libel She Wrote. Comedy written by David Quantick. Florence is sued for libel when it is discovered a character in one of her books is based on a real person and Selina's diaries are serialised in the Daily Mail. Florence Ransom Salina Mountinov Dawn French Lucy Geo Various characters Georgia Tennant

Jennifer Saunders Alistair McGowan

## Mrs Ragnarrok **Meera Syal** Producer Liz Anstee Rptd next Wednesday Radio 4 Extra

7.00 The Archers Susan offers some encouragement, and Jill's hackles are raised. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Anthony Hopkins talks to Nick Ahad about playing Nicholas Winton, who helped to rescue Jewish children in Czechoslovakia at the start of the Second World War, in the film *One Life*. Producer Ekene Akalawu

#### **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** (8/8)6.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (8/8) 7.00 The Remains of the Day (3/10) 7.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (3/5) 7.30 Mark Steel's in Town Portishead (4/6) 8.00 Hancock's Half Hour A 1959 edition 8.30 Lip Service Sketches and songs (2/6) 9.00 Counterpoint Music quiz (10/13) 9.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins as 7.30pm 10.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker 11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (8/8) 11.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (8/8) **12.00** The Remains of the Day (3/10) 12.15pm A Song Flung up to Heaven (3/5) 12.30 Mark Steel's in Town Portishead (4/6) 1.00 Hancock's Half Hour A 1959 edition **1.30 Lip Service** Sketches and songs (2/6) **2.00 Counterpoint** Music quiz (10/13) 2.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins as 7.30pm 3.00 The Expedition of Humphry Clinker (3/3)

The last of the 1938–68 radio whodunnits by Francis Durbridge featuring amateur detective Paul Temple and his sidekick wife Louise, here played by Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury (8/8) 4.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (8/8)

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7.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (5/6)
8.00 Sing Christmas A concert from 1957
9.00 Short Cuts With Josie Long (6/6) **9.30 Midnight in Peking** A non-fiction work by Paul French, in which he reveals the details of a scandalous murder mystery that haunted the final days of Peking. Abridged by Robin Brooks (3/5) **9.45 November Dead List** Crime thriller by Nick Perry, starring Nicola Walker as DI Flood. A priest receives a list of deceased loved ones to be prayed for. But all the names belong to people he knows to be alive. With Paul Ready. From 2014 (3/5) 10.00-12.00 Comedy Club: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (1/4), at 10.30 The Museum of Everything (3/6), at 11.00 Alex Horne Presents the Horne Section (4/6), at 11.30 Little Lifetimes (2/4), and at 11.45 The Goldfish Bowl (4/8)**12.00** as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 6.30pm **4.00** as 7pm **4.30** as 2.30pm **5.00** The Twelve Days of Christmas Drama by Bryony Lavery. From 1994

#### 8.00 AntiSocial

6/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue of the day from all angles. Repeated from Friday

#### 8.45 Book of the Week: Starborn -How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

3/5. A Golden Flower in Space

By Roberto Trotta. The cosmologist lays out a brief history of stargazing, from 17th-century Florence and Galileo, to the James Webb Space Telescope. Read by Khalid Abdalla. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30an

#### 9.00 When It Hits the Fan

David Yelland and Simon Lewis go inside the world of crisis management and spin doctors as they take a look at recent PR disasters, and find out how, where and when it all began to go wrong. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Eve Streeter

#### 9.30 The Media Show

#### 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

#### 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

8/10. By Naoise Dolan. Hours before his wedding, Luke asks his friend Vivian for some honest advice about his marriage. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

#### 11.00 We Forced a Bot to Write This Show

**New series. 1/6.** Jon Holmes demonstrates what happened when artificial intelligence was forced to intake human media and write its own versions for actors to perform. With Isy Suttie, James Lance, Lauren Douglin, Esmonde Cole and Craig Parkinson as the Narrator and Olivia Williams as the Stoyteller. Producer/Director Jon Holmes

#### 11.15 Nora Meadows's Week of Wellness 3/6. Dedicated to Father Ian. Comedy by

Will Farrell and Ben Rowse. A trust exercise leads to a surprise revelation and Nora helps a hostage negotiator manage his stress. Nora Meadows

Katy Wix Saz Lorna Rose Treen Emily Lloyd-Saini Sam Sunil Patel Baldacci fan Claire Alexander Owen Rory Marshall Shivani Thussu Producer Nick Coupe; Directors Will Farrell and Ben Rowse

#### 11.30 The Mandates

1/3. Takeover. The French and British Mandates in the Middle East began a century ago. Tom Bateman, BBC Middle East correspondent, examines this critical period in the region's history and how decisions taken then still reverberate now. Continues tomorrow 11.30pm. Producer Giles Edwards (R)

#### 12.00 News and Weather

12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: Starborn – How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906 Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 The Climate Question 10.00 News 10.05 The Documentary: Taiwan's Balancing Act 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Documentary: South Africa – The Children of Paradise: Fergal Keane and Milton Nkosi visit the university that used to be the seat of white and Afrikaner thought. Repeated from Monday 8pm R4 (3/3) **12.00** News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Tech Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Tech Life 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News **8.05** The Climate Question **8.30** Health Check **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Documentary: South Africa – The Children of Paradise 12.00 News 12.05am The Documentary: Taiwan's Balancing Act 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Food Chain

#### BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with news and local stories.

#### 9.00 Nicky Campbell

Topical discussion, with a phone-in. Simulcast on BBC2 until 10am

**11.00 Naga Munchetty** Naga Munchetty features news, experiences, and big name interviews from around the UK.

**1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake** Nihal Arthanayake with news, big name interviews and conversation.

#### 4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Connie McLaughlin with news, sport and interviews with people at the centre of the stories.

**7.00 5 Live Sport** Steve Crossman with news and build-up to the **8.00** commentary on Liverpool v West Ham in the quarter-final of the League Cup.

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10.30 Colin Murray
Discussion of vital issues. Plus
features, including at 11.00 This
House Believes – a lively debate
on myriad topics where listeners
decide who comes out on top –
and at 12.00 Midnight in **America**, with the latest from across the Atlantic.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

#### **BBC** 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

#### 8.10am-11.30 Cricket

Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes in a a Big Bash League match at Optus Stadium.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs 4.00 Talksport Drive With

Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.
7.00 League Cup Football Liverpool v West Ham United in the quarter-finals (kick-off **8.00**).

10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

#### Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30, 7.00-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Commentary on day six at Alexandra Palace, London.

#### LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Skv 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Tom Swarbrick 6.00 Tonight with Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am** Richard Spurr **4.00** lan Payne

#### Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Luke Jones 10.00 Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Ed Vaizey **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00** Evening Edition with Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

## THURSDAY Radio

#### **TODAY'S CHOICES**



### Christmas with Gareth Malone

5.00pm Radio 3

With his concerts, CDs and TV shows, Gareth Malone (above) is becoming something of a Christmas institution. This is consolidated in two live shows for Radio 3 that were barely in the planning stage as RT went to press. Producer Helen Garrison tells us that she's excited at the thought of working with the UK's best-known choirmaster. "He's a bundle of energy," she says, "a fantastic communicator and an absolute genius." Christmas is the perfect time for Malone to come into his own. Thousands of people in choral societies are coming together to share their love of music in carol concerts. The programmes will be a "Christmas soundtrack", not just carols but also "wintry music", and Garrison is hoping for a guest or two - "key players in the choral world". DAVID McGILLIVRAY

#### **Radio 3 in Concert**

7.30pm **Radio 3** 

Fresh from celebrating their golden anniversary, and with more than 60 recordings and 2,500 concerts behind them, Peter Phillips and his peerless chamber choir, the Tallis Scholars, present a festive programme of Renaissance polyphony offering a shepherd's-eye view of events in the manger courtesy of the age's leading Flemish, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian composers, as well as a Salve Regina for double choir by Phillips's near namesake, the exiled English Catholic composer (and later priest) Peter Philips. And, if you're still looking for a late Christmas present for a musical friend, Phillips's debut novel, The Blue French, offers an unblinking singer's-eye view of London's busy choral scene. MARK PAPPENHEIM

#### BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 1.00pm Dean and Vicky 3.30 Vick and Jordan 6.00 Future Sounds 8.00 Future Pop 10.00 Dance 11.00 Classic Essential Mix 1.00am Dance Presents 2.00 Best of Live Lounge 3.00 Relax at Christmas 4.00 Dance 5.00 Joel Mitchell

#### **BBC** Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

**6.30am Zoe Ball 9.30 Gary Davies**Including And at **11.40 Tracks of My Years**, with Boy George discussing

1980s hits by Madness and Talk Talk.

12.00 Jeremy Vine

2.00pm Rylan

4.00 Sara Cox

7.00 Jo Whiley

9.00 CMA Country Christmas From Nashville, the 14th country Christmas concert, recorded last month and featuring festive classics and performances by co-hosts Trisha Yearwood and Amy Grant, plus Ashley McBryde, Lainey Wilson, the War and Treaty, Jordan Davis and Lady A.

#### 10.00 Trevor Nelson's Soul Christmas

A third annual festive concert of classic seasonal songs, but with a neo-soul twist. Troy Miller returns to conduct the BBC Concert Orchestra, joined by Kimberly Davis (of Chic), Lemar, Shola Ama, Zak Abel and the Kingdom Choir. Recorded on Monday at the Royal Albert Hall.

12.00 OJ Borg 3.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay A Haçienda mix. (R) 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 New Music Fix Daily With a

7.00 New Music Fix Daily With a mix by Canadian electronic dance musician, DJ and record producer Tiga. 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence

4/8. Further picks from trio Gabriels. 10.00 Riley and Coe 12.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover Björk's 6 Music debut as presenter.

2.00am 6 Music's Festive Takeover Rapper Common (born Lonnie Lynn) and producer Robert Glasper – both of US trio August Greene – introduce personal music picks. From 2021. 4.00 New Album Fix: Albums of the

4.00 New Album Fix: Albums of the Year Picks of the favourite 2023 albums of Deb Grant (Joanna Sternberg), Huw Stephens (Sufjan Stevens), Gideon Coe (Lisa O'Neill), Guy Garvey (Willie J Healey) and Jamz Supernova (Yussef Dayes). 5.00 Chris Hawkins

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo 7.00 Jackie Brambles 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 Malcolm Prince 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

#### **BBC** Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

**6.30am Breakfast** With Petroc Trelawny. **9.00 Essential Classics** With Tom McKinney.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Vaughan Williams Christmas

4/5. White Gates. Kate Molleson explores Vaughan Williams's time living at White Gates in Dorking, where he moved to in the late 1920s. Vaughan Williams The Oxen (Hodie (This Day)) Stephen Gadd (baritone), Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Hilary Davan Wetton On Christmas Night (excerpt) Sarah Fox (soprano), Roderick Williams (baritone), Joyful Company of Singers, City of London Sinfonia/Richard Hickox Reconcilliation (Dona nobis pacem) Christina Pier (soprano), Matthew Brook, (baritone), Bach Choir Bournemouth SO, conductor David Hill

Trad Ploughboy's Dream Coope, Boyes and Simpson (vocals) arr Vaughan Williams O Little Town of Bethlehem Choir of King's College, Cambridge, Tom Etheridge

(organ), director Stephen Cleobury **Vaughan Williams** 49th Parallel – Prelude Northern Sinfonia, conductor Richard Hickox

Symphony No 5 (3rd mvt)
BBCSO, conductor Andrew Davis

arr Vaughan Williams God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen Angus McPhee (baritone), Timothy Murphy (bass), Chapel Choir of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, director William Vann

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Hannah French continues the series from March 2022, recorded at LSO St Luke's, London, today featuring a recital by the Gould Piano Trio. **Fauré** *Piano Trio in D minor, Op 120* 

Saint-Saëns Piano Trio No 2 in E minor, Op 92 (R)

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore.
Saint-Saëns Symphony No 1 in E flat (2nd mvt)
Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liège,
conductor Jean-Jacques Kantorow

Praetorius Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist Ensemble Polyharmonique, Klaus Eichhorn (organ) Tchaikovsky, arr Chauhan Overture; Polonaise (Cherevichki (The Slippers)) BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Alpesh Chauhan Locatelli Concerto grosso in F minor, Op 1 No 8 (Christmas Concerto) Concerto Copenhagen, director Lars Ulrik Mortensen

Gipps Seascape for winds, Op 53 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Jonathan Bloxham 3.00 Ravel Ma mère l'Oye (Mother Goose) Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liège, conductor Gergely Madaras

Briegel Ach! Herr, lehre doch mich; Du aber, Daniel Ensemble Polyharmonique, Klaus Eichhorn (organ) Handel Concerto grosso in D minor, Op 6 No 10 Handel and Haydn Society, director Christopher Hogwood 4.15 Respighi L'Adorazione dei Magi (Trittico Botticelliano) Orpheus Chamber Orchestra Britten Four Sea Interludes (Peter Grimes) Berlin Konzerthaus Orchestra, conductor Joana Mallwitz

**Berlin, arr Cottee** *White Christmas*Louise Dearman (singer), Matthew Ford (singer)
BBC NOW, conductor Andrew Cottee

#### **Scala Radio**

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

**7.00am Charles Nove** Music and features, including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**. **10.00 Penny Smith** With highlights of the year's **Scala Radio Book Club** interviews, including Richard Osman (the Thursday *Murder Club* series) and international bestseller Victoria Hislop.

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works.
4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features, including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six.
7.00 Mark Forrest Music and features.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 **6.00am** Certified **7.00** Nikita Kanda **10.00** Certified

11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 AJD 8.00 DJ Nish 10.00 Shisha Lounge Mix: with DJ Limelight 11.00 Chill 12.00 Love Friday Mix 1.00am Certified Mashups 3.00 Motivation 4.00 Ankur Desai 5.00 Celebrates

#### 5.00 Christmas with Gareth Malone

1/2. In the first of two Christmas specials, choirmaster Gareth Malone shares an eclectic mix of seasonal music. Continues tomorrow.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist.7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Martin Handley presents the Tallis Scholars in a programme of radiant Renaissance music themed around the shepherds' visit to baby Jesus. Tallis Scholars, director Peter Phillips

Clemens non Papa Pastores quidnam vidistis; Kyrie; Gloria (Missa Pastores quidnam vidistis) Victoria Quem vidistis, pastores?

de Cristo Quaeramus cum pastoribus Croce Quaeramus cum pastoribus

Clemens non Papa Credo (Missa Pastores quidnam vidistis)

**Obrecht** Salve Regina **Philips** Salve Regina

**Clemens non Papa** Sanctus; Benedictus; Agnus dei (Missa Pastores quidnam vidistis)

10.00 Free Thinking

In 2024, Mickey Mouse in his first incarnation (a short film from 1928) becomes available for public viewing without infringing Disney's copyright. Matthew Sweet is joined by author David Bellos and lecturer Katie McGettigan to look at the copyright history that affected authors, including Dickens, and at current questions around legislation.

**10.45** The Essay: The Story of Puddings 4/5. Pavlova. Professor Fiona Stafford explores the history of the pavlova, a meringue, fruit and cream pudding which is neither from Australia nor New Zealand – where it is served as a Christmas dessert – despite both claiming it as theirs, and with disputed historical citations. In actual fact it is a 1700s Austrian Habsburger dessert, well before

the event that allegedly inspired it: ballerina Pavlova's 1926 Australian tour (a story of celebrity hysteria). **11.00 The Night Tracks Mix** With Hannah Peel.

11.30 Unclassified

To mark the winter solstice, Elizabeth Alker presents Recomposed by Max Richter: Vivaldi – The Four Seasons in a live premiere broadcast from July at Bluedot festival, Cheshire, featuring solo violinist Mari Samuelsen and the BBC Concert Orchestra.

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea. Schumann Overture: Genoveva; Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 54 Scriabin: Prelude in B, Op 11 No 11 Vaughan Williams Symphony No 5 in D Beatrice Rana (piano), WDR Symphony Orchestra, Cologne, conductor Andrew Manze. 1.54 Hacomplaynt Salve Regina (a 5) 2.05 Schumann Spanisches Liederspiel, Op 74 2.31 Dvorak Mass in D, Op 86 3.11 Mozart Violin Sonata in A, K526 3.39 Hasse Overture: Arminio 3.45 Schumann Abegg Variations, Op 1 3.53 Martucci Notturno, Op 70 No 1 4.01 Viotti Duo concertante in G 4.10 Strauss Potpourri (Die schweigsame Frau) 4.14 Debussy Trois chansons de Charles d'Orleans 4.21 Geminiani Concerto grosso in G minor, Op 3 No 2 4.31 Rossini Overture: L' italiana in Algeri 4.39 Schickhardt Flute Sonata in C 4.49 Moniuszko Oh Janusz My Darling (Halka) 4.58 Bloch From Jewish Life, B.54 5.08 Kilar Orawa 5.16 Bach Fantasia and (unfinished) Fugue in C minor, BWV906 5.24 Suolahti Sinfonia piccola 5.45 Brahms Violin Sonata No 2 in A 6.05 von Weber Clarient Quintet in B flat, Op 34

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

**6.00am More Music Breakfast** With Aled Jones. **9.00 Alexander Armstrong** Classical hits, starting with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15** Album of the Week.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at 12.00 Classic FM Requests – with listeners phoning in requests – and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3, featuring three works from the Classic Hall of Fame chart.

Text requests on 61812 or via the website at ClassicFM.com

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes. 10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. 1.00am Sam Pittis 4.00 Lucy Coward

#### **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

**6.00am** Ben Burrell **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Jay Lawrence **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00am** Dan Noble



### 21 DECEMBER THURSDAY

#### BBC Radio 4

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

#### 5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day With Rabbi Warren Elf. 5.45 Farming Today

Food, farming and the countryside.

**5.58 Tweet of the Day** YoloBirder recalls his first encounter with peregrine falcons. (R)

#### **6.00 Today**

With Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson.

#### 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rev Jayne Manfredi. A special episode of the *Today* podcast, reviewing the year, is on BBC Sounds from this morning and broadcast tomorrow at 8pm on Radio 4

#### 9.00 In Our Time

Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on Vincent van Gogh. He's joined by Christopher Riopelle, curator at the National Gallery in London, Van Gogh specialist art historian Martin Bailey and Frances Fowle from the Edinburah College of Art. Producer Simon Tillotson Shortened repeat 9.30pm

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: Starborn – How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

**4/5.** The Sun Worshippers. Cosmologist Roberto Trotta explores the many ways in which our lives are intertwined with the stars. Today he considers the symbolic potency of the Sun and Moon and asks what the Scientific Revolution owes to astronomy. Read by Khalid Abdalla. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Richard Littledale. Luke 2. vv15-20. The Angel Gabriel, sung by the Daily Service Singers; Joy to the World, sung by the Daily Service Singers; Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, sung by the Daily Service Singers.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett.

#### 11.00 Crossing Continents 5/10. Ukraine: Building Back Better.

Western donors have pledged billions to help rebuild Ukraine. But will the money be well spent, in a country with high corruption levels? In the second of his two reports from Ukraine, Tim Whewell visits Bucha, site of Russian atrocities, as reconstruction begins there. He meets Ukrainians who plan to "build back better" and turn their country into a beacon of transparency. Also broadcast in Assignment at 8.05pm on BBC World Service.
Producer Tim Whewell Repeated Wednesday 4pm

#### 11.30 Great Lives

#### 12.04pm You and Yours

Reports on consumer affairs.

#### 12.30 Toast

Sean Farrington and Sam White return with a special Christmas edition of the series that examines grand business ideas that didn't succeed. The pair examine the fortunes of the much-loved American toy superstore Toys R Us. In 2018, it was forced to close all of its UK stores, but it's making a comeback. They explore why the firm disappeared from the UK and how it hopes to appeal to consumers now. Producer Jon Douglas Repeated Saturday 5.30pm

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

#### 1.45 Mythical Creatures

4/10. Redcaps. Rhianna Pratchett heads to Scotland, in search of a small but vicious castle-dweller, that soaks its cap in its victims' blood – the Redcap. She explores why stories of such violent creatures originated in a region with its own turbulent past, and finds out how their use has shifted over time.

#### 2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

#### 2.15 Drama: Broken Colours

4/4. The final episode of the thriller by Matthew Broughton. Dan is missing, and Jess doesn't have many options left. How long can she stay free? Is it time to face who she really is? All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Holli Dempsey Melissa Josef Altin Anthony Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong Brid Brennan Mandy
Olivia Vinall Police Officer Selena Michelle Bonnard Blue Rider Don Gilet Producer Emma Harding; Director Fay Lomas

#### 3.00 Open Country

8/15. The rural landscapes of Gloucestershire have inspired many classical composers including Herbert Howells, Gerald Finzi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Ivor Gurney. Rose Ferraby finds out about the links between landscape and music, and learns about the extraordinary cluster of musicians who were associated with Gloucester cathedral in the early part of the 20th century. She talks to academics and musicians about how a love of the Gloucestershire countryside influenced composers of the time, and visits some of the beauty spots that inspired them. Producer Emma Campbell Repeated Saturday 6.07am

#### 3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal

3.30 Open Book Repeated from Sunday 4pm 4.00 Rewinder

**2/3.** Greg James dips into the BBC archives once more, discovering Nativity plays from around the UK and Christmas messages from around the world, including a poignant 1946 link-up between the bombed cities of Coventry and Hamburg. Producer Tim Bano

#### 4.30 BBC Inside Science

Reports on the latest scientific research.

**5.00 PM** Presented by Evan Davis. 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries 7.00 The Remains of the Day (4/10) 7.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (4/5)
7.30 What Does the K Stand For? Sitcom (1/6) 8.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom. From 1975
8.30 Christmas Night with Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket 1983 comedy 9.00 Guess What? as 2pm 9.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom (4/6) 10.00 The Twelve Days of Christmas as 3pm 11.00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries 12.00 The Remains of the Day (4/10) 12.15pm A Song Flung up to Heaven (4/5) 12.30 What Does the K Stand For? Sitcom (1/6) 1.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom. From 1975
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family-run ice cream businesses on a seaside pier. With Jane Dawson and Joseph Vickers. From 1994 **4.00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries** Jeremy Clyde stars in a dramatisation of Ngaio Marsh's 1934 thriller A Man Lay Dead. With Stephen

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7.00 Guess What? as 2pm 7.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom (4/6) **8.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird** (3/3) **9.00 Great Lives** Matthew Parris invites BBC science correspondent Pallab Ghosh to

9.30 Midnight in Peking By Paul French (4/5) 9.45 November Dead List Crime thriller (4/5) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Ken Cheng: 10.00-12.00 Comedy Club: Ken Cheng: I Can School You (1/3), at 10.30 Dan and Nick: the Wildebeest Years, 11.00 The Maltby Collection (4/6), at 11.30 Old Harry's Game (1/2) 12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 1.30pm 4.00 as 2pm 4.30 as 2.30pm

5.00 Mary Poppins By PL Travers

#### 6.30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You

2/3. Comedian Ken Cheng focuses his analytical observations on school subjects. In this episode, he explores English lessons, the only subject a person keeps on learning through life. Producer Rajiv Karia Repeated next Thursday on Radio 4 Extra

#### 7.00 The Archers

There are surprises galore at the comedy night and Stella refuses to back down. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Samira Ahmed and guests review some of the week's cultural highlights including Next Goal Wins, a film from Taika Waitiki about the American Samoan football team.

#### 8.00 The Briefing Room

David Aaronovitch and guests explore the issues behind the news. Repeated tomorrow 11am

#### 8.30 Million Dollar Lover

5/8. Family Fortunes. Sue Mitchell goes with Dave to Riverside, on the outskirts of Los Angeles. This is where he has spent a lot of his life and on a walk he discloses that it is also where he was locked up following a violent attack. As more secrets from his past emerge, Sue catches glimpses of Dave's anger and of his more sinister side. All episodes are on BBC Sounds. Producer Sue Mitchell

9.00 BBC Inside Science Rptd from 4.30pm 9.30 In Our Time Shortened repeat from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight With Shaun Ley.

#### 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

9/10. By Naoise Dolan. It's the morning of the wedding and the bride and groom are getting ready. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

#### 11.00 Artificial Implosion

Tech journalist Chris Stokel-Walker explores the recent chaos at Open AI, which saw co-founder Sam Altman fired and rehired in a shock to investors and the public. He charts Open Al's meteoric growth and disastrous collapse in leadership and asks where next for the "ethical" development of AI? Producer James Tindale Rptd from Monday 11 December

#### 11.30 The Mandates

2/3. Revolt. Tom Bateman looks at the 1930s, when immigration and a nationalist uprising put pressure on British rule in Palestine. He reveals how, from institutions and movements of people to ideas and lines on maps, the decisions taken by Britain then still affect the region today, Continues tomorrow 11.30pm. (R)

#### 12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and

Who We Would Be without Them

#### 1.00 as BBC World Service

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#### BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

### 5.00am Wake Up to Money

**6.00 5 Live Breakfast**Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a look at the headlines.

### **9.00 Chris Warburton** Sitting in for Nicky Campbell.

#### 11.00 Adrian Chiles

### **1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake** News and topical conversation

including big-name interviews. 4.00 5 Live Drive

With Tony Livesey and Connie McLaughlin. Plus interviews.

#### 7.00 5 Live Sport

Releanor Oldroyd with sports news and features, including at **7.00 Path to Paris**, in which she finds out what the Team GB athletes get up to over the Christmas period. And at **8.00 Euro Leagues**, in which Steve Crossman and guests review the last 12 months of European football. And at **9.00 5 Live Boxing**, with Steve Bunce reporting live from Saudi Arabia to preview Saturday's extraordinary line-up of boxing: Anthony Joshua v Otto Wallin and Deontay Wilder v Joseph Parker Plus undates of Crystal Palace v Brighton & Hove Albion.

**10.00 Colin Murray**Viral discussion and debate. 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

#### **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908 8.10-11.30am Cricket

#### Melbourne Renegades v Brisbane

Heat in the Big Bash League match at Marvel Stadium.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker 4.00 Talksport Drive With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. **7.00 Premier League Football** Crystal Palace v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off 8.00). 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time . 5.00 Early Breakfast

#### Talksport 2

#### DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World
Darts Championship Day seven at Alexandra Palace, London. 7.15–12 midnight T20 International Cricket West Indies v England in the fifth T20.

#### LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight with Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Ian Payne

#### Times Radio

#### DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

**5.00am** Rosie Wright **6.00** Aasmah Mir and Luke Jones 10.00 Matt Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00** The Evening Edition **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00am** Stories of Our Times **1.30** Red Box **2.00** Highlights

2.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom (4/6)

3.00 The Twelve Davs of Christmas Drama by

## FRIDAY Radio

#### **TODAY'S CHOICES**



#### **Heart and Soul** 11.30am/11.30pm **BBC World Service**

Feared and revered in equal measure, the fairy in Irish folklore and storytelling should not be underestimated, according to presenter Dan O'Connor. Stories of the fae – or the gentle people, if you want to stay on their good side – have been part of Ireland's oral tradition for centuries, just don't expect the Disney variety. Some say these fabled creatures should be celebrated as a natural resource and fundamental to Irish culture, although the saying "away with the fairies" takes on a darker hue after hearing the story of a husband who tortured and killed his depressed wife in 1895, in the belief she had been replaced with a fairy changeling. JEREMY ASPINALL

#### The Verb

10.00pm **Radio 3** 

The Christmas edition of The Verb comes once again from the Trades Club in Hebden Bridge – but this year also ventures out and about. Indoor guests share stories, verse and song: much-lauded Jackie Kay is a former Makar (poet laureate) of Scotland; Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe called folk singer Amelia Coburn "the voice of the future"; and writer Danyah Miller will tell a seasonal story. There's also Rowan McCabe, "the world's first door-to-door poet", who's performed custom-made poetry on people's doorsteps since 2015. Tonight he's trying it for the first time since before the pandemic. DAVID McGILLIVRAY

#### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p121 **Christmas by Candlelight**

8.00pm Classic FM Carols and readings from St-Martin-in-the-Fields.

#### BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Party Anthems **4.00** The Official Chart **6.00** Dance Party with Danny Howard **8.00** Future Dance with Sarah Story 10.00 Pete Tong 12.00 Classic Essential Mix 2.00am Dance Presents 3.00 Danny Howard 4.00 Chillout Anthems 5.00 Relax

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.30 Gary Davies

12.00 Jeremy Vine

2.00pm Rylan

Including at 11.40 Tracks of My **Years**, with Boy George and his final two picks, featuring a mid-1980s cult favourite by Furniture and a 1999 hit by Whitney Houston.

4.00 Sara Cox All requests. 7.00 Michelle Visage 9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony 11.00 The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker 12.00 Romesh Ranganathan: for the Love of Hip-Hop 1.00am Who Are We: Doctor Who? Another chance to hear last month's 60th-anniversary celebration of Doctor Who, with Jo Whiley presenting a double bill about the iconic TV show, starting with The Classic Years, then at 2.00 The Modern Era. (R) 3.00 Music programme 4.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's **Kitchen Disco** Uplifting disco tunes. **5.00 Radio 2 in Concert** (R)

#### **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne

Christmas special, including a concert by the Staves (now a duo), live from the BBC's Maida Vale Studios. And Huw Stephens shares rare Christmas jams.

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 The People's Party with DJ **Paulette** DJ Paulette sits in for Afrodeutsche with an eclectic playlist of queer party anthems. And producer, DJ Dale Move takes on the **Unmixable Challenge** to create a mash-up of two tracks that really shouldn't go together. 9.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover:

**Queermas** Four hour-long curated playlists, starting with London DJ/ producer Absolute (Anthony McGinley), then at 10.00 Australian electronic producer/DJ HAAi (Teneil Throssell), at **11.00** US singer/songwriter Dorian Electria and at **12 midnight** Brooklynbased Tygapaw (Dion Mckenzie).

1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever 2.00 Focus Beats 4.00 Ambient Focus

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce **1.00pm** Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Martin Kemp **10.00** Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

#### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

**6.00am** Andy Marriott **7.30** Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Judi Spiers **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** John Peters **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Graham Torrington **12.00** Dave Brown 2.00am Through the Night

#### **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Vaughan Williams Christmas

**5/5. Hanover Terrace.** Kate Molleson explores the Christmases Vaughan Williams spent in London. Vaughan Williams In Bethlehem City (The First Nowell) Joyful Company of Singers,

City of London Sinfonia/Hickox; Bredon Hill (On Wenlock Edge) James Gilchrist (tenor), Anna Tilbrook (piano), Fitzwilliam String Quartet;

Procession of the Bride (Fnithalamion (The Bridal Day)) Joyful Company of Singers, Britten Sinfonia/Tongue; Hodie (This Day) (excerpt) John Shirley-Quirk (bass-baritone), Janet Baker (mezzo), Richard Lewis (tenor), Bach Choir, Westminster

Abbey Choir, London SO/Willcocks; Epilogue (Sinfonia antartica (Symphony No 7)) John Gielgud (narrator), Margaret Ritchie (soprano), London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra/Boult

Trad Seven Virgins (The Leaves of Life) Norma Waterson (vocalist)

arr Vaughan Williams The Seven Virgins Derek Welton (baritone), Jain Burnside (piano) **Vaughan Williams** The First Nowell (The First Nowell) Sarah Fox (soprano), Roderick Williams (baritone), Joyful Company of Singers, City of London Sinfonia/Hickox

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Hannah French concludes a series from March 2022. Pavel Kolesnikov and Samson Tsov (pianos) Saint-Saëns Le Cygne (Le Carnaval des animaux) Rameau La Boucon (Pièces de clavecin en concerts) Saint-Saëns, arr Debussy Pavane (Etienne Marcel) Saint-Saëns Variations on a Theme by Beethoven, Op 35; Berceuse, Op 105 Bizet Jeux d'enfants, Op 22 (selection) Fauré Dolly Suite, Op 56 (selection) Leonid Desyatnikov Du côté de chez Swan (R)

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore. **Coleridge-Taylor, arr Baynes** *Christmas Overture* (*The Forest of Wild Thyme, Op 74*) BBC Concert Orchestra/Wordsworth

Bob Chilcott Welcome, All Wonders in One Sight! Matthew Martin Angelus ad Virginem Grace Rossiter O Sapientia

(BBC Commission: first performance)

Helen Neeves Minstrels

James Whitbourn Hodie Oliver Tarney Balulalow BBC Singers, Ashley Grote (organ), Sofi Jeannin (conductor) **Lyadov** Kikimora – symphonic poem Op 63

BBC National Orchestra of Wales/Fischer Vivaldi Concerto in G for Strings, RV150 La Serenissima, director Adrian Chandler

**3.00** Brahms Symphony No 2 in D Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra/van Zweden Adams, arr Rutter O Holy Night

Lucy Walker This Christmas Life Eoghan Desmond Verbum caro factum est Walford Davies O Little Town of Bethlehem Bryan Kelly Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Thomas Hewitt Jones Camel Carol BBC Singers, Ashley Grote (organ), conductor Sofi Jeannin **4.15 Dvorak** Prague Waltzes

Prague Symphony Orchestra/Belohlavek

#### Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove 10.00 Penny Smith In the last of this week's replays of 2023 interviews, percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie

and choirmaster Gareth Malone share their love of music and musical performance. Plus requests from 12.00. 1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features.

7.00 Classical Bangers With Darren Redick. **10.00 The Space** Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Asian Music Chart 5.00 Certified 6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad **9.00** DJ Limelight **12.00** Desi Dancefloor Mix **1.00am** Shades On Mix **2.00** Mashups **4.00** Asian Network Celebrates 5.00 Asian Network News Presents

#### 4.30 The Listening Service

Tom Service explores the unusual stories behind some of Benjamin Britten's best-loved festive works, including St Nicolas and A Ceremony of Carols. (R)

5.00 Christmas with Gareth Malone 2/2 7.00 Classical Mixtape Eclectic music. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert In a concert from 1 December at Milton Court in

London, singer Clare Teal joins the BBC Singers, members of the BBC Concert Orchestra and conductor Owain Park for an evening of enduring numbers from classic stage musicals, alongside a pick of Christmas songs, as chosen by Teal. **Porter** Another Op'nin', Another Show (Kiss Me, Kate) Rodgers/Hammerstein, arr Barker It Might as Well Be Spring (State Fair); There Is Nothing like a Dame; Some Enchanted Evening; I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair (South Pacific) Rodgers/Hammerstein, arr Williams Hello, Young Lovers (The King and I) **Sondheim** Finishing

the Hat: Sunday (Sunday in the Park with George) Bernstein/Sondheim Jet Song; I Feel Pretty; Tonight (West Side Story) Pola/Wyle, arr Barker It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year Huddleston/Rinker, arr L'Estrange/Armstrong

December Coward If Love Were All Porter, arr Barker Always True to You in My Fashion (Kiss Me, Kate) Gay Once You Lose Your Heart (Me and My Girl) Rodgers/Hammerstein People Will Say We're in Love; Oklahoma (Oklahoma!) Adam, arr L'Estrange O Holy Night Coots/Gillespie, arr L'Estrange Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Wells/Tormé, arr L'Estrange The Christmas Song Berlin, arr Barker I Got the Sun in the Morning; There's No Business like Show Business (Annie Get Your Gun)

10.00 The Verb

lan McMillan hosts a Christmas edition from the Trades Club in Hebden Bridge, with poets Jackie Kay and Rowan McCabe, singer/songwriter Amelia Coburn and storyteller Danyah Miller.

10.45 The Essay: The Story of Puddings **5/5. Christmas Pudding.** Professor Fiona Stafford looks at the history of the Christmas pudding, a British icon – allegedly a classless, medieval religious symbol which owes its modern prominence to Dickens.

#### 11.00 Late Junction

Jennifer Lucy Allan hosts Late Junction's end-ofyear party. Featuring a first-time collaboration between Japanese tribal bass duo WaqWaq Kingdom – vocalist Kiki Hitomi and producer Shigeru Ishihara (aka DJ Scotch Egg) – and New Zealand's Sian O'Gorman (of the NYX drone choir), recorded at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios in London.

1.00am Composed with Devonté Hvnes (R) 2.00 Gameplay with Baby Queen Highlights of scores by Arnaud Roy (Humankind) and Skillbard (Genesis Noir). (R)

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3.00 Through the Night With John Shea.
Beethoven Symphony No 9 in D minor (Choral) Uliana
Alieksiuk (soprano), Valentina Stadler (mezzo), Nicky
Spence (tenor), Tomas Tomasson (bass), Chorus of Teatro
Regio, Turin, RAI National So/Marin 1.43 Rachmaninov
Etudes-tableaux, Op 39 (selection) 4.38 Prokofiev Quintet
in G minor, Op 39 5.01 Borodin String Quartet No 2 in D
(3rd mvt) 5.10 Grétry Le jugement de Midas (excerpts)
5.19 Bertali Ciacona in C 5.31 Magi The House of Wind
5.39 Saint-Saëns Havanaise, Op 83 5.48 Brian Eno, arr
Wolfe Music for Airports 1/2 6.00 Buxtehude Herzlich
lieb hab ich dich, o Herr, BuxWV 41 6.18 Chopin Three
polonaises 6.38 Rozycki Anhelli, Op 22 Revised repeat

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922 6.00am More Music Breakfast With Aled Jones. 9.00 Alexander Armstrong 12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes. 8.00 Christmas by Candlelight with Zeb Soanes

Andrew Earis conducts St Martin's Brass and St Martin's Voices in a concert of festive favourites, recorded on 9 December at St-Martin-in-the-Fields, London. Plus readings. **See choice: p121** 

10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

#### Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Absolute 80s Greatest Hits 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Emil Franchi



### 22 DECEMBER FRIDAY

#### **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day**A prayer and reflection with Rabbi Warren Elf.

**5.45 Farming Today** Food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Melissa Harrison on the tawny owl. (R)

#### **6.00 Today**

With Martha Kearney and Amol Rajan. 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

7.48 Thought for the Day With Catherine Pepinster

#### 9.00 Desert Island Discs

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: Starborn - How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

5/5. By Roberto Trotta. Today he asks how. as light pollution increases and the night sky becomes ever more congested with satellites, we can retain our connection with the cosmos. Read by Khalid Abdalla. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Mary Kells. Isaiah 11, vv1 - 4a, 6 - 9. Once in Royal David's City, from a Daily Service Carol Concert (BBC Recording); A Spotless Rose, sung by the congregation of King's College Cambridge; Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, sung by the congregation of King's College Cambridge.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour Presented by Anita Rani.

#### 11.00 The Briefing Room

#### Repeated from yesterday 11.30 Disordered

#### 3/4. Haddock and Charlette with an E

Comedy drama by Magnus Mackintosh. Hector is stung into action when Susan finds an online admirer who seems so perfect she thinks he might be "the one". With prompting from William, Hector also goes on a date.

Jamie Sives William Matthew Gilmour Wright Amanda Gail Watson Haddrick Jimmy Chisholm Susan Rosalind Sydney Charlette Victoria Balnaves
Producers/Directors Gordon Kennedy and Moray Hunter

#### 12.04pm AntiSocial

7/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue of the day, taking something that's being fiercely debated across social media, blogs, talk shows and phone-ins. He finds out how it all began, fact-checks claims and counterclaims, hears from people whose voices are often drowned out and slows down the debate to gain a better understanding. Producer Lucy Proctor; Executive producer Emma Rippon Repeated Wednesday 8pm

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

#### 1.45 Mythical Creatures

5/10. Mermaids. Rhianna Pratchett dives into the world of mermaids in her guest to meet mythical creatures and discover what they reveal about us. She visits Conwy, the supposed scene of a mermaid's curse, and dives into a myriad of salty tales.

#### 2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

#### 2.15 Drama: English Rose

4/5. Young Blood. Fantasy horror written by Helen Cross. It seems that Rose has been chasing after the wrong father. Meanwhile, Delphine has disappeared. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Alexandra Mardell Dakota Rhiannon Needs Rose Maya Austin Miranda Braun Alina Demetri Goritsas Gully Kitty O'Sullivan Siohhan Deirdre Mullins Gym owner Don Gilet Yasemin Ozdemir Englishman Martin Bonger Delphine Douglas Hodgson Jane Thornton Angry man Jack Tyler Cameron Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

#### 2.45 The Hauntening

1/4. Star Struck. Fourth series of the modern ghost stories in which writer and performer Tom Neenan discovers what horrors may lurk in people's apps and gadgets. In this episode, a birthday message from Joanna Lumley turns into a terrifying gift for Tom.

Tom Neenan June Martin Jarvis Himself Police officer Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong Himself Peter Davison Herself The waiter Joanna Lumley Dan Tetsell Heidi Jenny Bede The Deepfakes Lewis Macleod Producer/Director David Tyler (R)

#### 3.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Kathy Clugston presents an episode in which she pulls questions and answers from the archive around the theme of Christmas. Producer Bethany Hocken Repeated Christmas Eve 2pm **3.45 Short Works** 

Dancing Ganesh by poet and writer Alan Spence, Edinburgh Makar 2017–21. A frustrated climber seeks enlightenment in Kathmandu. Read by Michael Nardone. Producer Eilidh McCreadie

#### 4.00 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased. Producer Gareth Nelson Davies Repeated Christmas Eve 8.30pm

#### 4.30 Feedback

11/11. Andrea Catherwood fields listeners' Third Addition would refus insteriors comments on BBC radio programmes.

Producer Gill Davies Repeated Christmas Eve 8pm

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PHONE: 0333 344 4544 EMAIL: feedback@bbc.co.uk

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

#### 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 Dead Ringers

2/2. Comedy impressions with a festive twist, performed by Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey. Producer Bill Dare Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm

Brighton. With Sian Thomas, Chris Donnelly,

#### **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Great Chocolate Murders as 4pm 7.00 The Remains of the Day (5/10)7.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (5 7.30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show 8.00 Albert and Me Jim Eldridge's 1977 sitcom **8.30 Rent** Sitcom by Lucy Flannery (6/6) **9.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage** as 7pm 9.30 The Right Time Sketches from 2004 (2/6) 10.00 Mary Poppins as 3pm 11.00 The Great Chocolate Murders as 4pm 12.00 The Remains of the Day (5/10) 12.15pm A Song Flung up to Heaven (5/5) 12.30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show 1.00 Albert and Me Jim Eldridge's 1977 sitcom **1.30 Rent** 1995 sitcom with Patrick Barlow (6/6) **2.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage** as 7pm **2.30 The Right Time** Sketches from 2004 (2/6) **3.00 Mary Poppins** Juliet Stevenson stars in a dramatisation by Hazel Marshall of PL Travers's short stories about Mary Poppins, With Jonathan Bee, Sophie Stuckey, Deborah Berlin, David Timson, Andrew Sachs, Phyllida Law and others, From 1994 4.00 The Great Chocolate Murders Obsession, bad drains, royalty, murder and chocolate all figure in John Fletcher's play, based on a true story of a mysterious widespread illness in 19th-century

Jennifer Hill, Dorien Thomas and others 5.00 The Remains of the Day (5/10) 5.15 A Song Flung up to Heaven (5/5)5.30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show A festive edition of the radio sitcom. From 2019 **6.00 Albert and Me** A Christmas edition of Jim Eldridge's sitcom about a single dad with a baby. With Richard Beckinsale. From December 1977 6.30 Rent Series two of the sitcom (6/6) **7.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage** A 2014 festive edition of the science programme **7.30 The Right Time** Sketches from 2004 8.00 And Please Can I Have a Unicorn and World Peace? Miles Jupp travels to the Arctic Circle, on a mission to meet Santa's elves 8.30 Soul Music Choral conductor and composer Bob Chilcott reflects on O Holv Night, From 2017 9.00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry 9.30 Midnight in Peking By Paul French (5/5) 9.45 November Dead List Crime thriller (5/5) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Carbon Lifeforms, 11.00 Steven Appleby's Normal Christmas and at 11.30 Weak at the Top (3/4) 12.00 The Birds Daphne du Maurier's novelette **1.00am** as 3pm **2.00** as 4pm **3.00** as 5pm **3.15** as 5.15pm **3.30** as 5.30pm **4.00** as 6pm

#### 7.00 The Archers

Chris makes a surprising decision and there's a bump in the road for Freddie.

David Archer Timothy Bentinck Emma Grundy

Jill Archer Patricia Greene Emerald O'Hanrahan Daisy Badger Jakob Hakansson Paul Venables Hollie Chapman Freddie Pargetter Toby Laurence Pip Archer Alice Carter Chris Carter Wilf Scolding Stella Prvor Lucy Speed Carole Boyd Harry Chilcott Jack Ashton Lynda Snell Usha Franks Souad Faress Sykesy Jasper Carrott George Grundy Angus Stobie
Writer Nick Warburton; Director Kim Greengrass

Editor Jeremy Howe

#### 7.15 Screenshot

2/8. Double Acts. Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode explore the origins, legacy and evolution of the double act across film and TV - in front of and behind the camera. Guests include Stephen Fry.
Producer Tom Whalley Repeated tomorrow 10.15pm

#### 8.00 News Review of the Year

A special episode of The Today Podcast, in which Amol Rajan and Nick Róbinson discuss some of the biggest stories of the year. They look at how Today has covered the key events of 2023 and share their reflections on some of the biggest and most memorable interviews. Available on BBC Sounds since yesterday. Producers Louisa Lews and Tom Smithard Repeated tomorrow 1.10pm

#### 8.50 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Repeated Christmas Eve 8.48am

#### 9.00 Mythical Creatures

1/2. Omnibus edition of the week's episodes in which Rhianna Pratchett examines a range of mythical creatures to discover what they reveal about humankind.

#### 10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Nuala McGovern

### 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy

10/10. By Naoise Dolan. Moments before the wedding ceremony, Luke gets a surprising phone call. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

#### 11.00 Americast

With Justin Webb, Sarah Smith, Marianna Spring and Anthony "The Zurch" Zurcher.

#### 11.30 The Mandates

**3/3. Retreat.** Tom Bateman examines a period in the Middle East's history when the pressures of war and competing national claims pushed Britain to retreat from the Mandate. He reveals how the decisions taken by France and Britain as their Mandates came to an end were foundational.

#### 12.00 News and Weather

12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: Starborn – How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be without Them

1.00 as BBC World Service

#### **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00
The Newsroom 9.30 Science in Action 10.00
News 10.05 The Climate Question: key climate events of the year **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** CHOICE: Heart and Soul: Danny O'Connor shares his views on Ireland's pride of myths and fairy tales **12.00** News **12.05pm** The Fifth Floor 12.50 Witness History: singer Dafydd Iwan's campaign to have Welsh recognised as an official language **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Science in Action 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05
Hardtalk 3.30 World Business Report 4.00
BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 The Fifth Floor 6.50
Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 BBC OS Conversations 8.30 Crowd Science: a look back at the questions covered over the past 12 months 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 CHOICE: Heart and Soul 12.00 News 12.05am The Climate Question 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 3.00 News 3.05 The Fifth Floor 3.50 Witness History 4.00 News 4.05 The Climate Question

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#### 5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast With Fleanor Oldroyd and Gordon Smart.

9.00 Chris Warburton

11.00 Chiles on Friday 1.00pm Defoe and Deeney Football Firsts Jermain Defoe and Troy Deeney recall the first self-doubt in their careers.

#### 1.30 Fantasy 606 2.00 Elis James and John Robins

**4.00 5 Live Drive** With Tony Livesey and Connie McLaughlin.

7.00 5 Live Sport Including at 7.00 The Friday Football Social, with Darren Fletcher and guests Nigel Reo-Coker, Clinton Morrison and Don Hutchinson looking ahead to the weekend's football. And at **8.45** 5 Live Rugby, featuring second-half commentary on Sale Sharks v Saracens. Full match commentary on 5 Sports Extra.

**10.00 Connor Phillips**Sitting in for Stephen Nolan.

1.00am Edward Adoo

#### BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

#### 8.10-11.30am Cricket

Big Bash League commentary on Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers. 7.30-10.00pm Rugby Union Sale Sharks v Saracens in the Premiership. (kick-off **7.45**).

**Radio 5 Live:** Contact individual programmes via the website at

bbc.co.uk/5live. TELEPHONE: 0808 590 9693 TEXT: 85058 (standard rate)

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs Sports news, guests and more. **4.00 Talksport Drive** With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. **7.00 Premier League Football** Aston Villa v Sheffield United at Villa Park (kick-off **8.00**). 10.00 Sports Bar Reaction. analysis and the chance for listeners to have a say on the day's sport.

1.00am Extra Time

#### Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30, 7.00-11.00 **PDC World Darts Championship** Commentary on day eight at Alexandra Palace, London.

#### LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Lewis Goodall **9.00** The LBC Consumer Hour **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Clive Bull **4.00** Ali Miraj

#### **Times Radio**

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Chloe Tilley and Calum Macdonald 10.00 Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Hannah MacInnes **4.00** Cathy Newman **1.00 am** Stories of Our Times **1.30** Red Box **2.00** Highlights

4.30 as 6.30pm 5.00 as 7pm 5.30 as 7.30pm

### Face behind the voice

### **Paris Munro**

#### Gaydio



**Age** 32 Current job Has co-presented Gaydio Breakfast (Mon-Fri, 7-10am) with Dave Cooper since 2021. "Lots of chaos! Dave

and I are like pets with the 'zoomies'." On 12 January 2022 they opened up as trans, live on air. "I started this job pre-testosterone and I decided to open up to everybody. I always lay my heart on the table. I just wanted to show visibility. I did it and I felt so good." CV Born in Northampton, they studied music practice at college. then TV and radio at Salford University. Along with student radio, they first worked at Gaydio in 2012. Subsequent jobs were at XFM, Capital Manchester, Heat Radio, Star Radio and for the Wireless Group. After graduating, they presented a drivetime show for 2BR. From 2017 they were at Heart North Wales and from 2019 they did in-house radio for the Spar supermarket chain. They also do cover slots for Kerrang! Radio

and will be doing Christmas cover for Loz Guest.

Their music career includes the soundtrack for the film The Legend of the 5ive (2012) and recording singles as MNRO. Their podcast Queer and the Beat launched in March. "We talk to artists from the I GBTQ+ community about mental health and what makes them feel safe in music." Season 2 is scheduled for next March.

Social media - yes or no? "If I could choose whether to do social media I wouldn't, because it's a lot of work. I'm on it for work

purposes and to stay relevant!" **Best moments** "The Brit Awards 2023 was the highlight for me. To be there and interview the artists was a dream come true. Another one was chatting to McFlv at the 2023 Heavy Music Awards. It was amazing and I'll never forget it." Off air "I live in Manchester with my wonderful, supportive partner, Zoe. I have two Jack Russell/ chihuahua cross-breeds, Tilly and Luna. I come home every single day to a house full of love. I also like to play PlayStation. And I'm

getting back into music again, because the music I released [from 2020] was me pre-testosterone, with a different voice."

First radio memory "I remember being in a really old brown car with windows you had to physically wind up and down. We were listening to Free by Ultra Naté and that has always stuck with me as a song of love and comfort. I actually interviewed her for Queer and the Beat, which was lovely."

Favourite broadcasters "Jules Hardy is big in the gaming world. I really look up to them because they're the only non-binary presenter that I'm aware of. I love AJ Odudu, she's a massive ray of sunshine. I love Clara Amfo, there's something so genuine and pure about her. And I also love The Dotty Show on Apple Music Radio. You learn something new from her every single day."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd love to be on a TV dating or gaming show. Secret skills "I can do a

Chewbacca sound '

DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Listen at gaydio.co.uk

#### Cambridgeshire

#### Saturday

Berkshire

6am Katie Martin 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

6am Lilley Mitchell 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

#### Monday-Friday

6am Kirsten O'Brien 10.00 Sarah Walker; Thu/Fri: Paul Coia 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh; Fri: Katie Tyler 6.00 Mon: Sport; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload; Fri: Kick-Off 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Bristol

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 1.30pm Sport **4.30** Paris Troy **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00 – lam** Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Joe Sims 10.00 John Darvall 2pm Claire Carter; Fri: Andy Bennett 6.00 Mon: Sound of the City; **Tue:** Scrum; Wed: Sports Store; Thu: Having a Gas; Fri: Carol Concert 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload: Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Bahs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm John Leech Soul Show **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Dotty McLeod; Fri: Breakfast Show 10.00 Chris Mann 2pm Louise Hulland 6.00 Sport: Tue/Wed: Babs Michel 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry: Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Cornwall

#### Saturday

6am Mel Osborne 10.00 Daytime 2pm Sport 6.00 Dan Pascoe 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Faith Programme 10.00 Mid Morning 2pm Afternoon Show 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am James Churchfield 10.00 Julie Skentelbery **2pm** David White 6.00 Dan Pascoe: Mon: Anoushka Williams 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

#### Cumbria

#### Saturday

6am Paul Beeslev 10.00 Havley Kay 2.00 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Billy Hui 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday 6am Mike Zeller 10.00

Stephanie Finnon 2pm Nishma Hindocha 6.00 Sport; Wed: Joel Mitchell: **Thu:** Upload 7.00 Mon: Emma Millen: Fri: Rachel Teate 7.45 Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-**1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

#### CWR

#### Saturday

6am Lorna Bailev 10.00 Elise Evans **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Flise Evans 2pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Phil Upton 10.00 Vic Minett 2pm Trish Adudu 6.00 Sport; Mon: Sky Blues; Fri: Sound of the Sky Blues 7.00 Mon: Gagan Grewal; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Upload: Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Derby

#### Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 2pm Sportscene 6.00 Dean Jackson 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Andy Twigge 10.00 lan Skye 2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 Mon: Sportscene Talk-in; Tue/ Wed/Fri: Sportscene; Thu: Sportscene 7.00 Mon: Shruti Chauhan: Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Fri: Letitia George 10.00-1am (Thu: 10.15) Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Devon

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Cook 10.00 Richard Green 2pm Sport 6.00 Dan Pascoe 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Rick Edwards 10.00 Tohy Buckland 12.00 Sport 3pm Mel Everett 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am John Acres 10.00 Caroline Denslev 2pm David White 6.00 Dan Pascoe: Mon: Anoushka Williams 7.00 Fri: Sport 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Essex

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Sadie Nine 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Sadie Nine 2pm John Leech 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Sonia Watson 10.00 Ben Fryer **2pm** Akylah Rodriguez 6.00 Mon: Sport Extra: Tue: Framed; Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Phone-in

6.30 Tue: Babs Michel 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Gloucestershire

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Matchday **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Dominic Cotter 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Jon Smith 10.00 Nicky Price 2pm Chris Baxter; Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Mon: Sport: Tue: Scrum: Wed: Dan Pascoe: Thu: Upload: Fri: Matchnight 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Tue: Dan Pascoe 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.30 Wed: Mums without Makeup 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Guernsey

#### Saturday

6am Harry Barratt 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** Warren Mugaleton 6.00 Stereo Underground 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm John Randall **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Tim Hunter 10.00 Steph Watkins; Fri: Jim Delbridge **2pm** Darcy Kelly; **Mon:** Harry Barratt **6.00 Mon:** James Dundon: Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: BBC Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Hereford/Worcester

#### Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2.00 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Tammy Gooding 10.00 Elliott Webb 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon/Fri: Gagan Grewal 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Humberside

#### Saturday

6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Sport 5.00 Football Forum 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Sarah-Jane Honeywell 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Kofi Smiles 9.05 Fri: Kofi's Good Things 10.00 Carla Greene

2pm Richard Stead 6.00 Sportstalk **7.00 Mon:** Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane's Northern Sou Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Jersey

#### Saturday

6am Harry Barratt 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** Warren Muggleton 6.00 Stereo Underground 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** John Randall 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Jenny Mullin; Fri: Sarah Bailey 10.00 Alison Moss 2pm Darcy Kelly: Mon: Harry Barratt 6.00 Mon: James Dundon; Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: BBC Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Kent

#### Saturday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Stephen Brown **2pm** Sports Hub 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Pat Marsh **2pm** Erika North 6.00 Dotun Adebavo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

#### Monday-Friday

6am The Wake Up Call 10.00 Dominic King **2pm** Adam Dowling 6.00 Mon: Game Changers; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** The Huddle **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 9.00 Wed: Kathy Caton 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Lancashire

#### Saturday

Sunday

6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Matchday Live 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing **10.00-1am** Jo Good

Kay 2pm Billy Hui 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want Monday-Friday 6am Graham Liver 10.00

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Hayley

#### Sharon Hartley **2pm** Nishma Hindocha **6.00** Sport; **Fri:** Matchnight 7.00 Mon: Raees

Khan; Tue: Jade Burns; Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

#### Leeds

#### Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

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### All England regions

#### Monday-Friday

6am Rima Ahmed 10.00 Gayle Lofthouse 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; **Tue:** Bek Homer; **Wed:** John Kane's Northern Soul; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Leicester

#### Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 2pm Sport 6.00 The Beat 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 5.00 Sport 9.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Ady Dayman; Fri: Rupal Rajani 10.00 Summaya Mughal 2pm Ben Jackson; Fri: Kelly Hinch 6.00 Mon: Football Forum; Tue: Game Night; Wed: Rugby Show; Thu: Boot Room; Fri: Preview 7.00 Mon: Sport; Tue: BBC Introducing: Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Dean Jackson; Fri: Letitia George 8.00 Tue: Arun Verma 10.00-

#### Lincolnshire

#### Saturday

6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Hope and Glory 6.00 The Beat 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **6.00** Country Lincs 7.00 Folk 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Scott Dalton 10.00 Frances Finn; **Fri:** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Richard Stead **6.00** In the Game; Thu/Fri: Hope and Glory 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane's Northern Soul; Fri: Sile Sibanda 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

### London

#### Saturday

5am Claira Hermet 7.00 Carrie and David Grant 10.00 Robert Elms 1pm Women's Sports Show 2.00 Sport 6.00 Gary Crowley 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00 Jo Good 1am-5.00 Laura McGhie

#### Sunday

5am Claira Hermet 6.00 Inspirit 9.00 Robert Elms 12.00 Gaby Roslin 3pm Kath Melandri **6.00** Tony Blackburn's Soul on Sunday **7.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00 Becky Want 1am-5.00 Dotun Adebayo

#### Monday-Friday

5am Jason Rosam 7.00 Salma El-Wardany; Fri: Riz Lateef 10.00 Eddie Nestor; Fri: Robert Elms 2pm Jumoké Fashola 6.00 Sport 8.00 The Scene 10.00 Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good 1am-5.00 Dotun Adebayo; Fri: Laura McGhie

#### Manchester

#### Saturday

6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley **2pm** Stacey Copeland 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Anna Jameson 10.00 Mike Sweeney; Fri: Joe McGrath 2pm Michelle Dignan; Thu/Fri: Simone Rilev 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Raees Khan: Tue: Jade Burns: Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: FM Sport; Fri: DAB UK Black 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-**1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

#### Merseyside

#### Saturday

6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Sean Styles 2pm Total Sport 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Sean Styles 2pm Billy Hui 4.00 Total Sport 6.00 DAB Dotun Adebayo 7.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Phil Munns; Fri: Lisa Marrey 10.00 Tony Snell 1pm Fri: Noddy Holder Special 2pm Helen Jones 6.00 Total Sport 7.00 Tue/Wed: Total Sport: Tue: DAB Jade Burns: Wed: DAB Joel Mitchell 8.00 Mon: Raees Khan; Thu: BBC Introducing; Fri: UK Black 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Newcastle

#### Saturday

6am Gilly Hope 10.00 Kelly Scott **2pm** Sport **6.00** Unload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-12 midnight Jo Good

Sunday 6am Gilly Hope 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan

6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Matt Bailey 10.00 Anna Foster **2pm** Scott Makin **6.00** Sport 8.00 Mon/Fri: Rachel Teate: Wed: Joel Mitchell: Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

### Norfolk

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 12.00 Sport 2.30pm Canary Call 3.30 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing **10.00-1am** Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm John Leech Soul Show 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Chris Goreham 10.00 Kayleigh Poacher 2pm Louise Hulland 6.00 Mon: Scrimmage; Tue/Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Yellow Friday 6.30 Fri: Local Report 6.40 Mon: Racing 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry: Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Northampton

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey **2pm** Sport **7.00** Unload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

#### 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech Soul 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Annabel Amos 10.00 Bernie Keith 2pm Roberto Perrone 6.00 Mon: Chance Litchfield: **Tue:** Babs Michel: Wed: Saints Show: Thu: Cobblers Show; Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Wed: Babs Michel: Thu: Upload: Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Nottingham

#### Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 2pm Matchday 6.00 Dean Jackson 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 5.00 We Are Notts 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Sarah Julian 10.00 Verity Cowley 2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 In the Game 7.00 Mon: Shruti Chauhan: Tue/Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Dean Jackson: Fri: Matchnight 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Oxford

#### Saturday

6am Katie Martin 10.00 Alice Hopkins 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Lilley Mitchell 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

#### Monday-Friday

6am Sophie Law 10.00 Adam Ball 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

### Sheffield

#### Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 9.00 Yorkshire Kitchen 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Football Heaven 5.00 Praise or Grumble 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-lam Jo Good Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 9.00 Grow Show 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun . Adebayo **10.00-1am** Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Ellie Colton 10.00 Paulette Edwards 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Football Heaven 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta: Tue: Bek Homer: Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload

8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Shropshire

#### Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis **2pm** Paula White **6.00** Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Adam Green 10.00 Clare Ashford 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sports Hour; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Gagan Grewal; Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Radio Solent

#### Saturday

6am Katie Martin 10.00 Alice Hopkins 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Lilley Mitchell 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Alun Newman 10.00 Lou Hannan **2pm** Lucy Ambache 6.00 Mon: Fern Buckley; Tue/ Fri: Sport; Wed: Tom Deacon; Thu: Fan Club 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil; Tue: Stephen Brown; Wed: The Social: Thu: Upload: Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Wed: Stereo Underground; Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am

#### Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good 103.8 FOR WEST DORSET

As Radio Solent, including Dorset news and features, plus:

#### Monday-Friday

7am-9.00 Steve Harris

#### Somerset

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Paris Troy 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Paris Troy; Thu: Emma Britton; Fri: Charlie Taylor 10.00 Simon Parkin 2pm Claire Carter; Fri: Andy Bennett 6.00 Mon: Sound of the City; **Tue:** The Scrum; **Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Having a Gas; **Fri:** Christmas Celebration 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Tue: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 9.30 Wed: Mums without Makeup 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Stoke

#### Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 11.00 Sport 3pm Paula White

**6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Lee Blakeman 10.00 Stuart George 1pm Fri: Carol Service 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Sport: Fri: Praise and Grumble 7.00 Mon: Gagan Grewal; Tue: Sport; Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload; Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Suffolk

#### Saturday

**6am** Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **11.00** Connor Bennett 12.00 Matchday 6pm Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman **2pm** John Leech **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Wayne Bavin 10.00 Sarah Lilley **2pm** Louise Hulland 6.00 Mon: Tractor Social; Tue/Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### **BBC Surrey and** BBC Sussex

#### Saturday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Stephen Brown 2pm Tim Durrans **6.00** Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Pat Marsh 2pm Erika North 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6.00 Surrey: James Cannon; Sussex: Danny Pike 10.00 Sarah Gorrell 2pm Adam Dowling 6.00 Mon: Game Changers; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Leo Ulph; Fri: Sporting Preview Hour 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Tue: Sussex: Sport Focus; Wed: Kathy Caton 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Saturday

6am Gilly Hope 10.00 Kelly Scott 2.00 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am .Jo.Good

#### Sunday

6am Gilly Hope 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Amy Oakden 10.00 Gary Philipson 2pm Scott Makin; Fri: Kelly Scott 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Emma Millen; Wed: Joel Mitchell: Thu: Upload: Fri: Rachel Teate 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Three Counties

#### Beds, Herts and Bucks

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Sport 5.00 5-0-5 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing **10.00**—**1am** Jo Good Sunday

#### 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Andy Collins 10.00 JVS **2pm** Roberto Perrone **6.00** Mon: Non League Show; Tue/ Fri: Sport: Wed: Babs Michel: Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

### Wiltshire

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

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6am Ben Prater 10.00 Sue Davies 2pm Chris Baxter; Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih: Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

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#### Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Elise Evans **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Elise Evans 11.45 Sport 4pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want Monday-Friday

#### 6am Rakeem Omar 10.00 Kathryn Stanczyszyn; Fri: Mollie Green **2pm** Trish Adudu 6.00 Football Phone-in; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Introducing 10.00—1am (Mon:

10.30) Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### York

#### Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Georgey Spanswick 10.00 Joanita Musisi; Fri: Bek Homer 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload: Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

All BBC local radio stations take BBC Radio 5 Live programmes from 1am

### Face behind the voice

### **Paris Munro**

#### Gaydio



Current job Has co-presented Gaydio Breakfast (Mon-Fri, 7-10am) with Dave Cooper since 2021. "Lots

and I are like pets with the 'zoomies'." On 12 January 2022 they opened up as trans, live on air. "I started this job pre-testosterone and I decided to open up to everybody. I always lay my heart on the table. I just wanted to show visibility. I did it and I felt so good." CV Born in Northampton, they studied music practice at college. then TV and radio at Salford University. Along with student radio, they first worked at Gaydio in 2012. Subsequent jobs were at XFM, Capital Manchester, Heat Radio, Star Radio and for the Wireless Group. After graduating, they presented a drivetime show for 2BR. From 2017 they were at Heart North Wales and from 2019 they did in-house radio for the Spar supermarket chain. They also do cover slots for Kerrang! Radio

and will be doing Christmas cover for Loz Guest.

Their music career includes the soundtrack for the film The Legend of the 5ive (2012) and recording singles as MNRO. Their podcast Queer and the Beat launched in March. "We talk to artists from the LGBTQ+ community about mental health and what makes them feel safe in music." Season 2 is scheduled for next March.

purposes and to stay relevant!"

Best moments "The Brit Awards 2023 was the highlight for me. To be there and interview the artists was a dream come true. Another one was chatting to McFly at the 2023 Heavy Music Awards. It was amazing and I'll never forget it." Off air "I live in Manchester with my wonderful, supportive partner, Zoe. I have two Jack Russell/ chihuahua cross-breeds, Tilly and Luna. I come home every single day to a house full of love. Lalso

like to play PlayStation. And I'm

getting back into music again, because the music I released [from 2020] was me pre-testosterone, with a different voice."

First radio memory "I remember being in a really old brown car with windows you had to physically wind up and down. We were listening to Free by Ultra Naté and that has always stuck with me as a song of love and comfort. I actually interviewed her for Queer and the Beat, which was lovely."

Favourite broadcasters "Jules Hardy is big in the gaming world. I really look up to them because they're the only non-binary presenter that I'm aware of, I love AJ Odudu, she's a massive ray of sunshine. I love Clara Amfo, there's something so genuine and pure about her. And I also love The Dotty Show on Apple Music Radio. You learn something new from her every single day."

Secret skills "I can do a

DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Listen at gaydio.co.uk

### 8.00 Vic Galloway

Vic introduces new releases from Scotland's alternative artists, and classic album cuts alongside live session tracks Text 80295 Repeated Wednesday 10pm (FM only) Email: vicgalloway@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.00 lain Anderson

lain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 51 ive

#### Tuesday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Monday

#### 6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

#### 9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners  $the\,opportunity\,to\,have\,their$ say on the day's stories.

#### 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

#### 1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Janice Forsyth presents a Scottish entertainment round up, tuning into what's current in film, TV, arts, theatre and music across Scotland.

#### 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

#### 6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a reguest played text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

#### 8.00 Another Country with **Ricky Ross**

Ricky Ross showcases his favourite music of the year as played on Another Country. It's a guide to the Americana and country releases of 2023.

#### 10.00 Roddy Hart

An inviting mix of new music and back-catalogue selections.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

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#### 4.00 Drivetime

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#### Radio Scotland Extra 7.00-10.30 Sportsound

Sporting commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295.

#### FM only 8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart

Roddy Hart presents a very special Christmas at the Quay as he welcomes Texas. It's a festive show liberally sprinkled with hits and seasonal vibes as Sharleen and band crown a brilliant year by playing live at Pacific Quay. Joining the fun is Nati. Having built a huge online following for her livestreamed performances, the singer/ songwriter has a growing reputation for writing soulful folk-rock earworms. Terra Kin completes the sparkling line-up. Winner of the BBC Introducing Scottish Act of the Year, they blendiazz, ambient and folk sounds with a soulful vocal.

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## **Age** 32

of chaos! Dave

Social media - yes or no? "If I could choose whether to do social media I wouldn't, because it's a lot of work. I'm on it for work

Ambition/Dream job "I'd love to be on a TV dating or gaming show.

Chewbacca sound '

#### Saturday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 8.00am to 12 noon, 6.00pm, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12 midnight NEWS HEADLINES 2,00pm, 5,00

#### 6.30am Out of Doors

Mark Stephen and Rachel Stewart present stories from the great outdoors in Scotland and beyond. Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

#### 8.00 Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad, along with regular sport, travel and weather updates.

#### 10.00 Shereen

Shereen Nanjiani and guests with a unique take on the things getting Scotland talking this Saturday morning.

#### 11.30 Breaking the News

Des Clarke presents the awardwinning comedy news quiz that takes a satirical view of the week's headlines, featuring celebrity guests. Repeated from yesterday

#### 12.00 Off the Ball

Football forum with lighthearted features and competitions, which claims to be the most petty and ill-informed football show on radio. Presented by Stuart Cosgrove and Tam Cowan. Text 80295 Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

#### 2.00pm Sportsound

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Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary. breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. @BBCSportsound on social media

#### 5.30 Sportsound

Fans react to the day's big football stories, Text 80295

#### 7.00 Take the Floor

Gary Innes presents traditional music including a band session and a chat with special guests. Email:takethefloor@bbc.co.uk

### 9.00 Piping Sounds

Radio Scotland plays a selection of pipe music.

#### 10.00 Billy Sloan

A varied selection of music from the rich history of Scotland's – and the rest of the world's - rock and non.

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Sunday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 9.00, 11.00, 12 noon, 2.00pm, 5.00, hourly 7.00 to 11.00

#### 7.00am New Every Sunday Acts of worship from different churches around Scotland.

7.30 Playback Heather Kane presents

#### highlights from the week that was on BBC Radio Scotland.

8.00 Sunday Morning Cathy Macdonald presents music and conversation with a faith and ethical perspective, looking back at the week's events to ask what they say about people's values and beliefs.

#### 10.00 The Sunday Show Martin Geissler and Fiona

Stalker discuss the big issues of the week and talk to the people behind the political headlines.

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#### @BBCSportsound on social media 6.00 Your Requests with **Gary Innes**

Gary shares listeners' messages and dedications and plays favourite Scottish music requests.

#### 7.00 Classical Now

Celebrating Scotland's classical world. Jamie MacDougall highlights the work of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in concert and other Scottish artists and ensembles.

#### 9.00 lain Anderson

The presenter invites listeners to end the day in the company of some of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

#### 11.00 Seven Days

The news, sport and entertainment stories of the past week are explained and analysed.

12 midnight-6.00am

as Radio 5 Live

### Monday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 5.00pm, 7.00. 8.00. 10.00. 11.00

LOCAL NEWS Dumfries, Aberdeen, Inverness, Selkirk: 6.30am, 7.30, 8.30,12.30pm, 4.30,5.30; Orkney: 7.30am, 12 noon, 6.00pm; Shetland: 12.30pm, 5.30, 6.00

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#### 6.00 Get It On ... with Bryan Burnett

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### The latest news from home

8.45, weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

#### 9.00 Mornings

opportunity to have their say.

## Saturday 16-Friday 22 December

#### 6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. Text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

#### 8.00 Travelling Folk

Anna Massie presents a selection of folk and roots music from around the world.

10.00 Natasha Raskin Sharp Natasha presents an eclectic mix of music, as well as paying tribute to a "Late Great" and spinning the globe for the Out of This World feature.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

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With Stephen Jardine.

#### 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

#### 1.30pm Breaking the News Des Clarke hosts the award-

winning comedy news quiz. 2.00 The Afternoon Show

Nicola Meighan presents ideas for fun things to do in the days ahead and a soundtrack to kickstart the weekend.

#### 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

#### 6.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective

Celebrating the song-writing, records and Christmas connections of George Michael and Wham!, with two hours of hits and deeper cuts played from 7", 12" and viny ILPs.

#### Radio Scotland Extra 7.00-10.00 Sportsound Ruaby

Coverage of Scottish rugby including live and exclusive commentary, breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion, Text 80295.

#### 8.00 BBC Introducing in Scotland

Phoebe I-H and Shereen Cutkelvin present unsigned. undiscovered and under-theradar music from Scotland.

#### 10.00 Ashley Storrie

The comedian kicks off the weekend with a hand-picked playlist, lively chat and listener interaction, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".

1.00am-6.30 as Radio 5 Live BBC Radio Scotland 40 Pacific Quav Glasgow G511DA bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

#### Local programmes

#### ORKNEY

#### Weekdays

6.00pm-7.00 Mon: Radio Church: favourite festive hymns and readings; Tue: Dashing White Farmer: Scottish country dance tunes with Liam Muir: Wed: Saltfish Sessions: music and banter from Brian Cromarty and Douglas Montgomery; Thu: Dancing through the Decades: stories and music from the Casablanca days; Fri: Friday Requests: dedications PHONE: 01856 873939 EMAIL: radio.orkney@bbc.co.uk

#### **SHETLAND** Weekdays

5.30pm Good Evening Shetland: news and features

6.00 Mon: Claire and Friends: Claire White plays a selection of Shetland music and catches up with guests for a word: **Tue/** Thu: As Radio Scotland; Wed: Sixty Minutes: Jane Moncrieff chat's with some of Shetland's best loved personalities; Fri: Give Us a Tune: request show PHONE: 01595 694747 EMAIL:radio.shetland@bbc.co.uk

## Radio nan Gaidheal

Mar Radio Alba ach:

#### **Disathairne**

9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain Spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus bho air feadh an t-saoghail còmhla ri Iain Moireasdan. POST DEALAIN: sns@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

#### 10.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail

#### 11.00 Tiompan

Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.

#### 12.00-1.00pm Sàr Chlàr

Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

#### Didòmhnaich

#### 9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh

Seirbheis Ghàidhlia.

#### 9.30 Alleluia

Laoidhean, leughaidhean agus smuaintean. (ath-chraoladh)

#### 10.00 Chuala Mi

A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air leth às an tasglann.

#### 10.30 Crùnluath

Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba.

#### 12.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.

1.00pm SpeakGaelic A bheil sibhse ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig? Matha, is ann dhuibhse a tha am podcast seo.

#### 1.30 An Litir Bheag

Litir Bheag na seachdain sa le Ruairidh MacIlleathain. Litir àireamh 970.

#### 1.35 SpeakGaelic

Podcast do luchdionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig ceangailte ris an t-sreath SpeakGaelic air BBC Alba. (ath-chraoladh)

#### 1.55 Litir do Luchdionnsachaidh

Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh le Ruairidh MacIlleathain. Litir àireamh 1274.

#### 2.00 -5.30 Cuairt Dheireannach Cupa Lìog na h-Alba

Cuairt Dheireannaich Cupa Lìog na h-Alba eadar Rangers agus Obar Dheathain à Hampden.

### 9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh

10.00-10.30 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh

#### Diluain

#### 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

le Anna Nic na Ceardaich.

Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.

#### 9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur

agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

#### 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Thaibeachdail, thaibeòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

#### 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar. POST DEALAIN: dethadol@bbc.co.uk

#### 3.30 Chuala Mi

A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air leth às an tasglann. ath-chraoladh Diciadain aig 8pm

#### 4.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr.

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

### 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil

air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta. POST DEALAIN: pluto@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050 7.00 Cruinn

Ceòl, amaideas 's na beachdan agaibh air cuspairean a' là airson ur cuir ann a sunnd airson na seachdain.

#### 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.

#### **Dimàirt**

#### 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

Naidheachdan ionadail. nàiseantais eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.

#### 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

#### 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

#### 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh.

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

#### Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol

agaibhse gach feasgar. 3.30 Spòrscast

A còmhradh ri measgachadh de dhaoine 's iad ag innis mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha.

#### 4.00 Sàr Chlàr Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a h-aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh. ath-chraoladh a'maireach aig 7pm

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseantais ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

### 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le

Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta.

#### 7.00 Rapal

Orain ùra gu leòr. POST DEAL AIN: rapal@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

#### 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh,

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur

#### agus cur-seachadan. Diciadain

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#### 9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur

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#### 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar.

#### 4.00 Gleus

Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le Iain Moireach.

#### 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta.

#### 7.00 Sàr Chlàr Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a h-aoighean an clàr as

fheàrr leotha a thaghadh. 8.00 Chuala Mi A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh

Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air

leth às an tasglann.

9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich

#### Diardaoin

#### 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. -chraoladh aig 10.25pm

#### 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil. 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh

#### Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha

#### dol agaibhse gach feasgar. 3.30 Crùnluath

Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba.

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadailo Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

#### 5.30 Siubhal qu Seachd le Pluto

Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta.

7.00 Spòrscast A còmhradh ri measgachadh de dhaoine 's iad ag innis mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha. (ath-chraoladh)

7.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil

air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt air. beatha aoigh na seachdain. 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh

#### 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Dihaoine

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur

#### agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 12.00

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3.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt air beatha aoigh na seachdain.

dol agaibhse gach feasgar.

#### 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

5.30 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na

le Anna Nic na Ceardaich. 6.00 Na Dùrachdan Ceòl, òrain is fealla-dhà còmhla ri Mairead NicIllinnein

seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh

#### agus Art MacCarmaig. 9.00 Mac'ille Mhìcheil

Cuiridh Iain Mac'illeMhìcheil is a chuid aoighean an deireadh seachdain air a chasan. 11.00 Tiompan

#### Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich

càite le Mairead NicIllinnein. 12.00-12.55am Naoi gu Deich

#### National

BBC Radio 1\* FM 97.7-99.7 BBC Radio 2\* FM 88.1-90.1 BBC Radio 3\*FM90.3-92.3 BBC Radio 4FM94.6-96.1,

**Frequencies** 

103.5-104.9, LW198, MW1449 (Aberdeen, LW progs) BBC Radio 5 Live MW 693, 909 **BBC Radio Scotland** 

BBC Radio Scotland Extra

BBC Radio nan Gaidheal FM103.5-104.9 (carries R4 in some parts)

Classic FM 999-1019 Classic F M 99.9-101.9

Talksport MW 1053, 1089

Above stations also on Freeview
(\*not Sat 4pm-lam, Sun 4pm12 midnight, weekdays 5pm-12 midnight), plus satellite, cable. internet and DAB (Radio Scotland Extra service only).

#### Local

**Argyll FM** 106.5, 107.1, 107.7 BBC Cumbria FM 95.6 (Carlisle), 96.1 (Morecambe Bay), 95.2 (Kendal), 104.1 (Whitehaven/ Keswick), 104.2 (Windermere), MW 756 (Carlisle), 837 (Barrow-in-Furness) Capital 106.1 (Glasgow), 105.7 (Edinburgh)
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### Face behind the voice

### **Paris Munro**

#### Gaydio



**Age** 32 **Current** job Has co-presented Gaydio Breakfast (Mon-Fri, 7-10am) with Dave Cooper since 2021. "Lots of chaos! Dave

and I are like pets with the 'zoomies'." On 12 January 2022 they opened up as trans, live on air. "I started this job pre-testosterone and I decided to open up to everybody. I always lay my heart on the table. I just wanted to show visibility. I did it and I felt so good." CV Born in Northampton, they studied music practice at college. then TV and radio at Salford University. Along with student radio, they first worked at Gaydio in 2012. Subsequent jobs were at XFM, Capital Manchester, Heat Radio, Star Radio and for the Wireless Group. After graduating, they presented a drivetime show for 2BR. From 2017 they were at Heart North Wales and from 2019 they did in-house radio for the Spar supermarket chain. They also do cover slots for Kerrang! Radio

and will be doing Christmas cover for Loz Guest.

Their music career includes the soundtrack for the film The Legend of the 5ive (2012) and recording singles as MNRO. Their podcast Queer and the Beat launched in March. "We talk to artists from the LGBTQ+ community about mental health and what makes them feel safe in music." Season 2 is scheduled for next March.

Social media - yes or no? "If I could choose whether to do social media I wouldn't, because it's a lot of work. I'm on it for work purposes and to stay relevant!"

Best moments "The Brit Awards 2023 was the highlight for me. To be there and interview the artists was a dream come true. Another one was chatting to McFly at the 2023 Heavy Music Awards. It was amazing and I'll never forget it." Off air "I live in Manchester with my wonderful, supportive partner, Zoe. I have two Jack Russell/ chihuahua cross-breeds, Tilly and Luna. I come home every single day to a house full of love. Lalso

like to play PlayStation. And I'm

getting back into music again, because the music I released [from 2020] was me pre-testosterone, with a different voice."

First radio memory "I remember being in a really old brown car with windows you had to physically wind up and down. We were listening to Free by Ultra Naté and that has always stuck with me as a song of love and comfort. I actually interviewed her for Queer and the Beat, which was lovely."

Favourite broadcasters "Jules Hardy is big in the gaming world. I really look up to them because they're the only non-binary presenter that I'm aware of, I love AJ Odudu, she's a massive ray of sunshine. I love Clara Amfo, there's something so genuine and pure about her. And I also love The Dotty Show on Apple Music Radio. You learn something new from her every single day."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd love to be on a TV dating or gaming show. Secret skills "I can do a

Chewbacca sound ' DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Listen at gaydio.co.uk

#### 1.05pm Assume Nothing: the Saturday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm (not 8.00pm and 9.00), plus 8.45pm and 11.55

### 6.45am Farm Gate

Food, countryside and agricultural issues, focusing on business news, industry reports and technology. Presented by Elaine Mitchell.

#### 7.05 Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests to ease listeners into the weekend. Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

#### 8.05 Your Place and Mine

The people, places and stories that make Northern Ireland unique, presented by Anne Marie McAleese. Phone: 0289 033 8307 Email: ypam@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The weekly programme for keen horticulturists with the latest advice, news and visits to gardens large and small around the province. Presented by David Maxwell. Phone: 03030 80 55 55

#### 10.05 On Your Behalf

Linda McAuley champions the cause of consumers in Northern Ireland, helping them to make the right choices. Write to: On Your Behalf. BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ Phone: 0289 033 8314

#### 11.05 Saturday with John Toal

Family and community life. plus recipes, craic and music. Including news at 12.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Email: swit@bbc.co.uk

### Handler: Six Months in Hell

Ep 4. Dramatised memoir of a Special Branch officer operating at the outset of the Troubles. When a source provides intelligence about a mysterious new explosives expert, James is soon under pressure from London to find him. Meanwhile, another informer finds himself in danger when he is detailed to deliver a bomb and James decides on an unconventional plan - however, things go badly wrong. Starring Jonathan Harden. Repeated Thursday 9.05pm

#### 1.30 The Blame Game

**Ep 8.** Angela Barnes joins Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere to poke fun at people, places and events making the headlines in Northern Ireland and beyond.

#### 2.05 Sportsound

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports.

#### 6.05 The House Party with **Phil Taggart**

Dance music to get the party started, from soul to house and funk to techno. Including news at 7.00.

#### 7.30 Sportsound European **Cup Ruaby**

Gavin Andrews presents the European Rugby Champions Cup Pool Two match between Ulster and Racing 92 from Kingspan Stadium (kick-off 8.00). With commentary by Jim Neilly.

#### 10.15 Saturday Club with John Bennett

Late-night music club featuring classic tracks from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Including news at 11.00 Text: 81771

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Sunday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

#### 7.05am Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests to ease listeners into the morning. Including Thought for the Day at 7.55 and news at 8.00.

Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

## 8.30 Sunday Sequence

Audrey Carville and guests debate the week's religious and ethical news and explore the world of culture and ideas. Including news at 9.00. Phone: 0289 033 8355 Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.05 Morning Service

Parish Mass, for the Third Sunday in Advent, from St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street in Belfast. The celebrant and preacher is Fr Eugene O'Neill.

#### 10.45 Thought for the Week Audrey Carville presents clips from last week's Thought for the Dav feature.

Steven Rainey In-depth current affairs, interviews, discussion and analysis – including an essential guide to the Sunday newspapers. With news at 12.00.

11.05 Sunday with

#### 1.05pm Sunday with Brian D'Arcy

Brian delves into his wide experience of music to bring listeners some tracks just right for a Sunday afternoon, along with some reflections to make them think, laugh or cry. Write to: Sunday with Brian D'Arcy, BBC Radio Ulster, Ormeau Avenue

#### 2.05 Countryside

Voices, views, stories, news and chat from across Northern Ireland's rural community, presented by Nicola Weir. Including essential livestock reports and weather updates

#### 3.05 The Culture Café

Marie-Louise Muir hosts a cultural conversation featuring a selection of festive music and a deep dive into what's on her guests' playlists over the coming holiday season

#### 4.05 Europop: the Neil Hannon Show

**Ep 4.** The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon plays the familiar (Kratfwerk and Serge Gainsbourg), the less familiar (MNNQNS and Eggstone) all alongside Neil's trademarked features Classical Corner and Cover-iginals.

#### 5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr introduces popular, sacred music performed by local and internationally acclaimed performers. He also plays listeners' requests and provides news of music events across Northern Ireland.

#### 6.05 Kintra

Derryboy Primary children with wee rhymes for Ulster-Scots language week, a pipe band drummer tries out the timpani, and homesteading near Slemish. Email: kintra@bbc.co.uk

#### 6.30 Bandstand

Ruth Jennings presents local bands playing listeners' favourite tunes, playing toe-tapping melodies,  $performing \, powerful \, film \,$ music from the silver screen and inviting listeners to sing along with the hits from their favourite musicals

#### 7.05 Classical Connections with John Toal

The host presents an evening of popular classical music. Plus news, reviews and interviews with local and touring performers. Including news at 8.00.

#### 9.05 Jazz Club with Walter Love

Recordings by jazz musicians, including tracks that have been performed exclusively for BBC Radio Ulster.

#### 10.05 Sunday Club with John Bennett

A late-night selection of music designed to soothe away the problems of the past week. Dedications to: The Sunday Club, BBC Radio Ulster, Broadcast House, Belfast BT28HQ Email: jb@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Monday

RADIOULSTER NEWS: half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00 to 11.00pm, plus 4.30pm, 5.30, 11.55

### 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart, including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news. plus agri-business in Farm Gate and a Thought for the Day at **7.20**.

Email:good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at 10.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771 Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.30 The Connor Phillips Show

Mid-morning music and mischief, with fun features such as Does My Head In. Useless Superpowers, Guess the Guest and Taylor Sifts. Including news at 11.00. Phone: 03030 805555 Text: 81771 Email:connor@bbc.co.uk

#### 12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley and the Talkback team present news and invite listeners' on-air reactions to the breaking stories of the day, from politics and health to consumer issues and education. Including news at 1.00. Phone: 03030.80.55 Email:talk.back@bbc.co.uk bbc.co.uk/talkback

#### 1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771

#### 3.05 The Lynette Fay Show

The host sets out to brighten up the afternoon with music. features and interviews. Text: 81771 Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

#### 4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

#### 6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway.

#### 7.05 Vinny and Cate's Christmas Hamper

New series. Ep 1. Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway are joined by Emer Dooris and Darren Matthews to run through the best festive TV shows over the Christmas period.

#### 7.30 Blas

Fearghal Mag Uiginn le súil siar ar aicsean spóirt dheireadh na seachtaine. Fearghal Mag Uiginn looks

back at the weekend's sporting action.

#### 8.05 The Ralph McLean Show

Classic rock, soul, blues, pop, gospel, reggae and funk both old and new, from home and abroad featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

#### 10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music, including a mix of easy listening melodies both old and new, together with material by the Artist of the Week. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Tuesday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: see Monday

#### 6.30am Good Morning Ulster With Sarah Brett and Chris

Buckler, including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at 7.20.

#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hardhitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at 10.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771 Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.30 The Connor **Phillips Show**

Music and mischief, with fun features such as Does My Head In, Useless Superpowers, Guess the Guest and Taylor Sifts. Including news at 11.00. Email:connor@bbc.co.uk

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#### 1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at 2.00.

#### 3.05 The Lynette Fay Show Music, features and interviews.

Text: 81771 Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

#### 4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

#### 6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway.

#### 7.05 Vinny and Cate's Christmas Hamper

Ep 2. Superstar chef, cook and author Suzie Lee joins Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway in the kitchen to create the perfect Christmas party dish. Vinny brings a boozy beverage and Cate is on hand with a sweet festive treat.

#### 730 Blas

Na himeachtaí ealaíne agus cultúir ar gá iad a fheiceáil agus a chluinstin. Dáithí O Muirí keeps listeners up-to-date with all that's happening in the arts.

#### 8.05 The Raiph McLean Show

Classic rock, soul, blues, pop. gospel, reggae and funk both old and new, from home and abroad featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

#### 10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

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12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Wednesday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: see Monday

#### 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including regular news, traveland sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at 7.20.

#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. With news and travel at **10.00**. Text: 81771 Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.30 The Connor Phillips Show

Music and mischief, with fun features such as Does My Head In and Taylor Sifts. Including news at **11.00**. Phone: 03030 805555
Text: 81771 Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

#### 12.05pm Talkback

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#### 1.30 Hugo Duncan

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#### 3.05 The Lynette Fay Show

A lively selection of music, features and interviews. Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

#### 4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport. traffic and weather reports. and the latest agri-business.

#### 6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway

#### 7.05 Vinny and Cate's Christmas Hamper

**Ep 3.** Children from around Northern Ireland take centre stage as Christmas elves share festive stories. Plus some extra special surprises.

#### 7.30 Blas

Súil siar 20 bliain go bliain órga mhuintir Thír Eoghain nuair a bhain peileadóirí an chontae Corn Mhig Uidhir den chéad uair riamh

Fearghal Mag Uiginn looks back 20 years to a golden year for Tyrone as the Red Hand footballers captured the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time. Featuring contributions from Lorcán O Máirtín, Damian Mór O Néill, Rebecca Ní Dhonnaile, Mark Harte - son of Mickey Harte and member of that year's All-Ireland panel - and the BBC Radio Ulster's own Lynette Fay, who remembers the emotion of that euphoric rush onto the hallowed Croke Park turf at the full-time whistle.

#### 8.05 Ralph McLean: Country

Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music, offering a selection of classic tracks, live performance and timeless Americana along the way. Including news at 9.00.

#### 9.55 Wah Yan Jee Sing Local information on health and social issues in Cantonese.

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair Chilled-out music.

Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk 12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### <u>Thursday</u>

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: see Monday

#### 6.30am Good Morning Ulster With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**. Email:good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

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Music, features and interviews. Text: 81771 Email: lynette.fav@bbc.co.uk

#### 4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

#### 6.05 Vinny and Cate

The BIG Radio Ulster Christmas Quiz sees Vinnv Hurrell and Cate Conway test the festive knowledge of some of the station's favourite presenters. The line-up includes Declan Harvey, Paula McIntyre, Gavin Andrews, Barra Best and Nicola Weir. There will be some festive surprises in store and we may even see the return of our Chris.

#### 7.05 Vinny and Cate's Christmas Hamper

Ep 4. Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway introduce a countdown of essential Christmas tunes, as selected by the show's audience

#### 7.30 Blas

Súil siar 30 bliain go lá na haislinge is na cinniúna ag Gaeil Dhoire nuair a bhain peileadóirí an chontae Corn Mhig Uidhir den chéad uair riamh. A look back 30 years to the moment destiny finally called for the footballers of Derry as they captured the Sam

Maguire Cup for the first time.

#### 8.05 Blas Ceoil

Cuir tús spleodrach leis an deireadh seachtaine le rogha shiamsúil Lynette Fay de cheol traidisiúnta, fréamh agus dúchasach. Éisiúintí úra, sonraí gigeanna agus seisiúin bheo. Caoimhe "Ceol" Ní Chathail introduces new releases, gig guide details and live acoustic sessions to keep listeners in touch with the best in  $traditional, roots\, and\, folk\, music.$ 

#### 9.05 Assume Nothing: the Handler: Six Months in Hell

Ep 4. Dramatised memoir of a Special Branch officer. James tries to track down a source providing intelligence about a mysterious new explosives expert. With Jonathan Harden.

#### 9.30 The Blame Game

Ep 8. Angela Barnes joins comedians Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere to poke fun at people, places and events making the headlines in Northern Ireland and beyond.

#### 10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

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12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Friday

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6.30am Good Morning Ulster

#### With Chris Buckler and Joel Taggart, including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at 7.20.

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#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

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#### 10.30 The Connor Phillips Show

Music, mischief and fun features. With news at **11.00**. Phone: 03030 805555 Text: 81771 Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

#### 11.30 Mobile Disco

Connor Phillips introduces 30 minutes of anthems to help round off the working week.

#### 12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley presents news and invites listeners' on-air reactions to the stories of the day. Including news at 1.00. Phone: 03030805555 Email: talk.back@bbc.co.uk bbc.co.uk/talkback

#### 1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus listener requests. Including news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 5 Text: 81771

#### 3.05 The Ticket

Kathy Clugston previews upcoming cultural attractions, from blockbuster movies to comedy gigs.

#### 4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events. with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey.

#### 6.05 ATL Introducing

Gemma Bradley serves up new Irish musical talent, from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music and interviews.

#### 7.05 The Stephen McCauley Show

Alternative music from punk to electronica, featuring live performance, interviews and more. News at **8.00** and **9.00**.

#### 10.05 The Mickey Bradley Record Show

Mickey invites listeners to another selection of vintage rock and pop, and new releases. With news at 11.00.

Email: michael.bradley@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live BBC Northern Ireland Broadcasting House

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#### RADIO FOYLE

As Radio Ulster except:

Weekdays
RADIO FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 3.00pm (not 1.00), plus 8.30am

#### 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

News from home and abroad, presented by Mon: Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart: Tue-Thu: Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler; Fri: Chris Buckler and Joel Taggart.

#### 8.30-9.00 North West Today

An essential round-up of news, sport and weather across the north-west of Northern Ireland

#### 12.05pm The Mark **Patterson Show**

A daily look at issues affecting the lives of people in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

#### 1.00 North West at One

Lunchtime round-up of the day's local, national and international news stories. Plus the latest sport headlines.

#### 1.10-1.30 20 Minutes

Mark Patterson offers a snapshot of life in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

#### 3.05-4.00 Sean Covle

The host brightens up the day with music and chat, plus listeners from across the region are invited to phone in with their requests and dedications.

#### Mon: 8.05-10.00 Caschlár

An-réimse ceoil ó phop go fréamh á chur le chéile agus á chur i láthair ag Brian Mullen. Brian Mullen presents a wide-ranging mix of music, including pop, blues and soul. Including news at 9.00.

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5.00am Vicki Blight

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2.00pm,

plus 5.00pm **WEATHER:** after most news bulletins

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

Dedications and song requests

from the 1950s to the 1990s.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport

Live commentary on the big

of the day's sporting action

with results and analysis.

the day's sporting action.

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7.00 Bethan Elfvn

South East FM only

Radio Wales Sport

Park (kick-off 8.00)

with Adam Walton

interviews and demos.

7.30-10.00

followed at 5.00 by a round-up

A chance for listeners to discuss

Classic and new music for Saturday night. Plus the Wales

Mix and a quest DJ Takeover.

Cardiff v Bath, the European

Rugby Champions Cup Pool

New music, exclusive sessions,

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Two match at Cardiff Arms

10.00 BBC Introducing

Welsh games of the day,

The latest news, travel and

weather, with Oliver Hides.

9.00 Money for Nothing

**Age** 32 Current job Has co-presented Gaydio Breakfast (Mon-Fri, 7-10am) with Dave Cooper since 2021. "Lots of chaos! Dave

and I are like pets with the 'zoomies'." On 12 January 2022 they opened up as trans, live on air. "I started this job pre-testosterone and I decided to open up to everybody. I always lay my heart on the table. I just wanted to show visibility. I did it and I felt so good." CV Born in Northampton, they studied music practice at college. then TV and radio at Salford University. Along with student radio, they first worked at Gaydio in 2012. Subsequent jobs were at XFM, Capital Manchester, Heat Radio, Star Radio and for the Wireless Group. After graduating, they presented a drivetime show for 2BR. From 2017 they were at Heart North Wales and from 2019 they did in-house radio for the Spar supermarket chain. They also do cover slots for Kerrang! Radio

and will be doing Christmas cover for Loz Guest.

Their music career includes the soundtrack for the film The Legend of the 5ive (2012) and recording singles as MNRO. Their podcast Queer and the Beat launched in March. "We talk to artists from the LGBTQ+ community about mental health and what makes them feel safe in music." Season 2 is scheduled for next March.

Social media - yes or no? "If I could choose whether to do social media I wouldn't, because it's a lot of work. I'm on it for work purposes and to stay relevant!"

Best moments "The Brit Awards 2023 was the highlight for me. To be there and interview the artists was a dream come true. Another one was chatting to McFly at the 2023 Heavy Music Awards. It was amazing and I'll never forget it." Off air "I live in Manchester with my wonderful, supportive partner, Zoe. I have two Jack Russell/ chihuahua cross-breeds, Tilly and

Luna. I come home every single

day to a house full of love. Lalso

like to play PlayStation. And I'm

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 6.00pm

HILL FORECAST: 6.58am

Arts Show

6.00am Radio Wales

Repeated from last Friday

Hope for the Future

episode, we hear about

diagnosis methods.

Repeated from last Tuesday

7.00 Country Focus

Dr Émma Yhnell delves into

the world of dementia. In this

memory clinics, new genetic

research and more reliable

Rural affairs programme for

those working in and living in

A service for the Third Sunday

Baptist Church, Pontllanfraith.

8.00 Sunday Supplement

and analysis, plus a round-up

9.00 All Things Considered

Religious affairs programme,

tackling the issues of the day in

a thought-provoking manner. Repeated Friday 6.30am

Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

9.30 Bronwen Lewis

11.00 Owen Money's

Solid Gold Sunday

Classic hits from the

1960s and 70s.

Music and quests.

Political news, discussions

of the Sunday papers.

of Advent, led by the Rev Sue

Phillips, minister of Elim

the Welsh countryside. Repeated Wednesday 6.30pm

and Thursday 6.30am

7.30 Celebration

6.30 Dementia:

Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

WEATHER: after most news bulletins

The current arts scene in Wales.

getting back into music again, because the music I released [from 2020] was me pre-testosterone,

First radio memory "I remember being in a really old brown car with windows you had to physically wind up and down. We were listening to Free by Ultra Naté and that has always stuck with me as a song of love and comfort. I actually interviewed her for Queer and the Beat, which was lovely."

really look up to them because she's a massive ray of sunshine. I new from her every single day."

Secret skills "I can do a

Chewhacca sound '

Listen at gaydio.co.uk

#### 1.00pm Kiri Pritchard-McLean Music and chat.

3.00 Lynn Bowles Music, entertainment and guests.

#### 5.00 Roy Noble

Classic songs and conversation. Email:roy.noble@bbc.co.uk

#### 7.00 Radio Wales Rewind Highlights from Tom Jones's 1972 BBC Christmas Concert. with a guest appearance

by Dusty Springfield. Presented by Huw Stephens. Repeated from Monday

#### 7.30 Celebration

A service for the Third Sunday of Advent, led by the Rev Sue Phillips, minister of Flim Baptist Church, Pontllanfraith.

#### 8 00 Celtic Heartheat

Frank Hennessy presents folk, roots and acoustic music from the Celtic countries and beyond.

#### 10.00 Beverley's World of Music

Broadcaster Beverley Humphrevs introduces sonas from stage and screen.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Monday

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 10.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins

#### 6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales Music to start the day.

6.30 Radio Wales Arts Show

## The current arts scene. Repeated from last Friday

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast The latest news, travel and weather presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

## with a different voice."

Favourite broadcasters "Jules Hardy is big in the gaming world. I they're the only non-binary presenter that I'm aware of, I love AJ Odudu, love Clara Amfo, there's something so genuine and pure about her. And I also love The Dotty Show on Apple Music Radio. You learn something

Ambition/Dream job "I'd love to be on a TV dating or gaming show.

DAVID McGILLIVRAY

#### 9.00 Wynne Evans

Music and chat, with input from listeners. Plus Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice. Phone: 03700100110 Text 81012 Email wynne@bbc.co.uk

#### 12.00 The Phone-in With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity quests, TV Turn Ons, and music quiz Backtracks.

#### 5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

#### 6.30 A Tongan Christmas in Wales

Jenni Crane discovers what the true meaning of a merry Christmas is to the Tongan community in her hometown of Pontypool. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

#### 7.00 Huw Stephens

Huw Stephens plays classic tracks, introduces his Artist of the Week and features new music from Wales and beyond.

#### 10.00 Eleri Siôn Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Tuesday NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

6.05am Wake Up with

#### Radio Wales Music to start the day.

6.30 A Tongan

#### Christmas in Wales Christmas in the Tongan

community of Pontypool. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm

#### 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

#### 9.00 Wynne Evans

Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

#### 12.00 The Phone-in

With Jason Mohammad.

#### 2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity guests, expert advice, and music quiz Backtracks.

#### 5.00 Radio Wales Drive Claire Summers and the team

with everything you need to know as you head home.

#### 6.30 Dementia: Hope for the Future

Dr Émma Yhnell reveals what support can be available in the community, carers share their thoughts and we look at the Welsh Government Dementia Action Plan.

#### 7.00 Molly Palmer

Classic tracks and new music from Wales and beyond.

#### 10.00 Eleri Siôn

Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Wednesday

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

#### 6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

#### 6.30 Dementia: Hope for the Future

Dr Émma Yhnell reveals what support can be available in the community. Repeated from yesterday 6.30

#### 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

#### 9.00 Wynne Evans

Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

#### 12.00 The Phone-in With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity guests, Midweek

#### Menu recipes, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive Wyre Davies and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

#### 6.30 Country Focus

Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated from Sunday 7am Repeated tomorrow 6,30am

#### 7.00 Bronwen Lewis

New and classic country music from Wales and the world.

#### 10.00 Eleri Siôn

Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Thursday

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

#### 6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

#### 6.30 Country Focus

Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated from Sunday 7am

#### 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams

#### 9.00 Wynne Evans

Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

#### 12.00 The Phone-in With Oliver Hides

2.00pm Sian Reeves Sitting in for Behnaz Akhgar.

#### 5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

#### 6.30 The Garden Centre

Sitcom about a new garden centre employee dealing with being recently diagnosed with autism and suspended from university.

#### 7.00 Aleighcia Scott Music and culture.

10.00 Eleri Siôn Music and chat.

#### 12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Friday

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 7.00pm, plus 8.35pm, 10.00
WEATHER: after most news bulletins

#### 6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day. 6.30 All Things Considered

#### Religious affairs programme. tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated from Sunday 9am

#### Email:religion.wales@bbc.co.uk 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, with Oliver Hides.

#### 9.00 Wynne Evans Featuring Soundtrack Stories

and Mystery Voice. 12.00 The Phone-in With Oliver Hides.

#### 2.00pm Sian Reeves Sitting in for Eleri Siôn.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

#### 6.30 Radio Wales Arts Show The current arts scene.

## 7.00 Radio Wales Sport

Swansea City v Preston North End, the Championship match at Swansea.com Stadium (kick-off 7.45).

#### 10.00 Friday Night H Music and chat.

#### 12.00 The Party Playlist with H

The Steps singer presents his ultimate party playlist.

1.00am-5.00 as Radio 5 Live BBC Wales, 3 Central Square, Cardiff CF10 1FT 03703 500 700 (weekdays 9.30am to 5.30pm) (landline calls charged at a maximum of 8p per minute) SMS: 81012

#### Listen on the internet at radiotimes.com/radio/radio-listings

bbc.co.uk/radiowales

## Sadwrn

#### 5.30am Richard Rees Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar

gyfer bore Sadwrn. 7.00 Galwad Cynnar

Gerallt Pennant a'i westeion vn trafod natur, bywyd gwyllt a chadwraeth.

8.00 Dros Frecwast Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Dylan Jones.

8.30 Ar y Marc Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n vmwneud â phêl-droed.

9.00 Tudur Owen Lot o fwydro, 'chydia o sylwedd, dim swmp.

11.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn  $Cerd doriaeth\,ac\,ad loniant$ gyda Shelley Rees a Rhydian Bowen Phillips.

#### 2.00pm Chwaraeon Radio Cymru

Sylwebaethau byw, yn ogystal â chanlyniadau a'r newyddion chwaraeon diweddaraf.

#### 5.30 Marc Griffiths

Cymysgedd o'r hen a'r newydd iddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau.

#### 9.00 Ffion Emyr

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar nos Sadwrn.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### Sul

#### 5.30am Linda Griffiths

Dechreuwch eich dydd Sulynsaindewis cerddorol Linda Griffiths.

#### 7.00 Troi'r Tir

Y straeon diweddaraf o fyd amaeth a bywyd cefn gwlad.

7.30 Caniadaeth v Cysegr Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni Siôn Rhys Evans. Ail-ddarlledir 4.30pm

#### 8.00 Bore Sul

Trin a thrafod papurau'r Sul, cerddoriaeth a sgyrsiau hamddenol, gyda Elliw Gwawr yn cyflwyno.

#### 10.00 Swyn y Sul

Y cerddor a'r cyfansoddwr Sioned Webb yn dewis cerddoriaeth ar gyfer bore Sul.

#### 12.00 Yr Oedfa

Oedfadan of al Owain Davies, Llanrwst.

#### 12.30pm Bwrw Golwg

John Roberts a'i westeion yn trafod materion moesol a chrefyddol. EBOST: bwrw.golwg@bbc

#### 1.00 Cofio

Archif, atgof a chân yng nahwmni John Hardy. Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 6pm

#### 2.00 Ffion Dafis

Golwg ar y byd celfyddydol yng Nghymru a thu hwnt.

#### 4.00 Coleg y Bobl a Bobl y Coleg

Betsan Powys yn ymweld â'i hen goleg a chlywed tipyn o'i hanes drwy wrthrychau a sgyrsiau. Ail-ddarllediad

#### 4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr

Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni Siôn Rhys Evans. Darlledwyd 7,30am

#### 5.00 Dei Tomos

Sgyrsiau am Gymru, ei phobla'i diwylliant. Ail-ddarlledir Mawrth am 6pm EBOST: deitomos@bbc.co.uk

#### 6.00 Beti a'i Phobol

Beti George yn sgwrsio gydag un o bobl Cymru.

#### 7.00 Ambell i Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru.

#### 8.00 Ar Eich Cais

Rhys Meirion yn darllen cyfarchion ac yn chwarae ceisiadau. EBOST: areichcais@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.00 John ac Alun

Cerddoriaeth a sgwrsio i gloi'r penwythnós.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

#### 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol. cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd arfeddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trinathrafod Cymrua'r bydgyda Rhodri Llywelyn yn cyflwyno. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk

#### 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth. chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

#### 5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Nia Thomas yn cyflwyno. EBOST:postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prynhawn, BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirion Bangor, LL57 2BY

#### 6.00 Cofio

Archif, atgof a chân yng nghwmni John Hardy. Darlledwyd Sulam 1pm

#### 7.00 Rhys Mwyn

Clasuron coll o gasgliad Mr Mwyn, a gwesteion yn hel atgofion.

#### 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Shelley Rees yn sedd Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 aweler World Service

#### Mawrth

#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon. tywydd a thraffig.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

#### 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol. cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau syddar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Jennifer Jones sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynausy'n bwysig i chi. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.ul Ffôn: 03703 500 500

#### 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

#### 5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yna Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno. EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prynhawn, BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirion Bangor, LL57 2BY

#### 6.00 Dei Tomos

Savrsiau am Gymru. ei phobl a'i diwylliant. Darlledwyd Sul am 5pm EBOST: deitomos@bbc.co.uk

#### 7.00 Georgia Ruth

Dewis eclectig o gerddoriaeth, gydag Elan Evans yn sedd Georgia Ruth, yn cynnwys cerddoriaeth ryngwladol, byd a thraciau Cymraeg arbrofol.

#### 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### Mercher

#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newvddion.chwaraeon tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

#### 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Vaughan Roderick sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

#### 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

#### 5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno. EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prvnhawn. BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirion Bangor, LL57 2BY

#### 6.00 Ambell i Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cérddoriaeth werin Cymru. Darlledwyd Sul am 7pm

#### 7.00 Mirain Iwerydd

Cerddoriaeth newydd Cymru.

#### 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

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#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

#### 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynausydd ar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shấn Cothi.

#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Catrin Haf Jones sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

#### 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth. chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

#### 5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno. EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prynhawn, BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirior Bangor, LL57 2BY

#### 5.30 Alaw Mair

Mair fel mam ydi un o brif ddelweddau Stori'r Geni, ac i nodi'r ŵyl eleni mae "Alaw Mair" yn plethu fersiwn newydd o'r garol Nadolig poblogaidd gyda hanes y gân a straeon personol mamau heddiw.

#### Ail-ddarlledir Sul am 4pm

6.00 Byd y Bandiau Pres O'r cyfoes i'r traddodiadoli'r arbrofol, Owain Gruffudd Roberts sy'n ein tywys ar daith i ddarganfod diwylliant bandiau pres ar draws y byd. Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 10 am

#### 7.00 Huw Stephens

Cerddoriaeth newydd, ambell berlanghyfarwydd a sgwrs gydag Ifan Davies yn lle Huw.

#### 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones. 12.00 gweler World Service

#### Gwener

#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau

#### 7.00 Sige Freewast

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Lisa Angharad.

#### 8.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Gwenllian Grigg.

#### 9.00 Trystan ac Emma

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Trystan Ellis-Morris ac Emma Walford.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned

gyda Shân Cothi. 1.00pm Talwrn Nadolig Tîm Bethlehem (beirdd Pen Llŷn) yn herio tîm Nasareth (beirdd ardal Caernarfon).

#### Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 4pm 2.00 Tudur Owen

Lot o fwydro, 'chydig o sylwedd, dim swmp. 5.00 Post Prynhawn Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda

Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno. EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prynhawn,BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirion Bangor, LL57 2BY

#### 5.30 Chwalu Pen

6.00 Lauren Moore

Cerddoriaeth ar gyfer

Mae'r criw arferol yn ôl mewn pennod arbennig o'r cwis panel wrth i Mari Lovgreen drio chwalu eu pennau yn ysbryd yr ŵyl. Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 5.30pm

#### nos Wener yng nghwmni Lauren Moore.

9.00 Nos Wener Ffion Emyr Ffion Emyr yn tanio'r

penwythnos gyda thair awr o gerddoriaeth. 12.00 aweler World Service Radio Cymru: 03703 500 500 (Codir prisiau daearyddol safonol am

alwadau o ffonau sefydlog a svmudol) Rhif Testun: 67500 (Codir tal yn

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#### Sadwrn 7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: gyda Daniel Glyn

Sul 7.00am-10.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant

#### avda Mirain Iwervdd

Llun-lau 7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips

#### 8.30am-9.00 lau:

Naw o'r 90au: taith nôl i ddegawd y Spice Girls, Eden, Big Leaves ac Oasis

9.00-11.00 Lisa Gwilvm:

Lisa Gwilym yn chwarae

#### eich hoff fiwsig Gwener

7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Lisa Angharad

11.00-1.00pm Dom James: yn chwarae eich hoff fiwsig

### **Frequencies**

#### National

BBC Radio 197.6-99.8 BBC Radio 2 88-90.2 BBC Radio 3 90.2-92.4 BBC Radio 4 92.4-94.6,103.5-

105, LW 198 BBC Radio 5 Live MW 693,

909, 990 **Radio Cymru** 92.4–96.1, 96.8, 103.5–105

103.5–105

Radio Cymru 2 This station only broadcasts on Freeview, satellite television, digital radio

and the internet BBC Radio Wales 93.9-95.9,

#### BBC Radio Wales Extra

MW 1125 (mid-Wales) Classic FM 99.9–101.9 Talksport MW 1053, 1089 Absolute MW 1197, 1242, 1260 The above stations also broadcast via Freeview, satellite, cable, digital radio and the internet.

#### Local

BBC stations: Bristol 94.9 (Bristol), 103.6 (Severn), 104.6 (Bath) Gloucestershire 104.7 (Churchdown Hill), 95 (Stroud), 95.8 (Cirencester), MW1413 Hereford and Worcester 94.7 (Hereford), 104 (Worcester & Gt Malvern), 104.6 (Kidderminster), MW 738, 1584 (Tenbury Wells) Somerset 95.5, MW 1566 Wiltshire 104.3 (west Wiltshire), 1049 (Marlhorough), 103.5 (Salisbury), 103.6 (Swindon)

Independent stations: Bay Radio 102.1 (Swansea) Bay Radio 102.1 (Swansea)
Bridge FM 106.3 (Bridgend/
Vale of Glamorgan)
Capital 103.2 (Cardiff), 97.4
(Newport), 96.3 (north Wales
Coast), 103.4 (Cheshire/north east
Wales), 97.1 (Wirral), 103
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Carmarthenshire 97.1

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## Books

Book of the Week: Starborn: How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be Without Them

Monday-Friday 9.45am (FM), 12.30am Radio 4

F ROBERTO TROTTA had had his way, Harry Potter actor Tom Felton would have been suspended upside-down for ten hours. When not engaged in his day job "asking questions about the nature of dark matter, dark energy and the big bang" as an astrophysicist and cosmologist, Trotta works as a

consultant on sci-fi dramas. And one such project was the 2018 YouTube series *Origin*, in which Felton, formerly Draco Malfoy, played a passenger on a deepspace mission gone wrong.

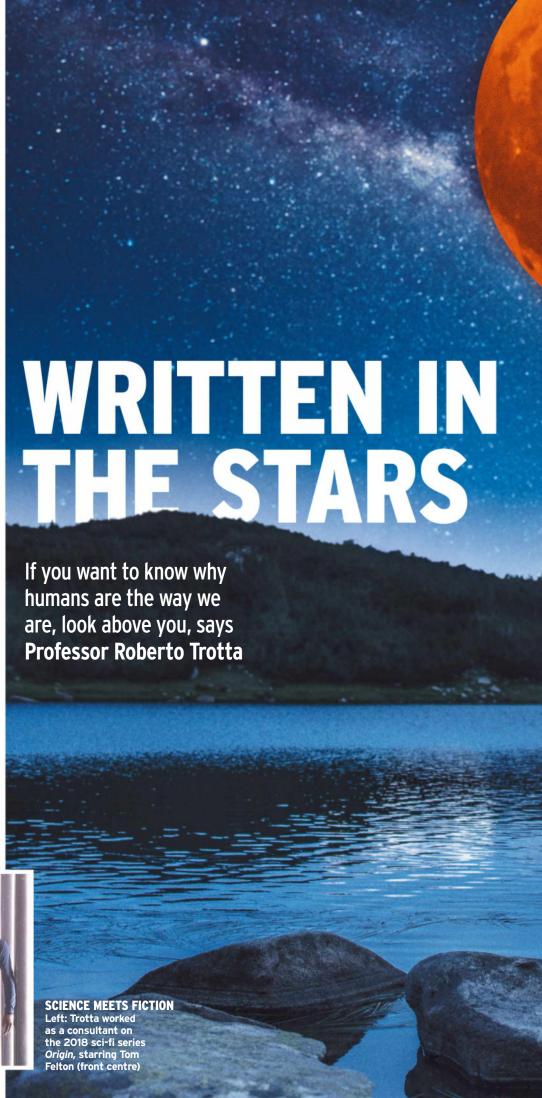
"I suggested that the spaceship rotate because that would create 'artificial gravity'," explains Trotta. The producers went along with it, but then "when I went to the premiere at Leicester

Square and saw it, they hadn't put the characters with their feet towards the outside of the rotating ring, which is where the gravity points, because they thought it would 'look funny' to have them upside-down."

STARGAZER

He gets that "when you're watching a science-fiction film you don't want a lecture on general relativity though", and brings that understanding to his own work, too. His first book, *The Edge of the Sky*, explained the universe using only the 1,000 most common words in the English language. His second, *Starborn: How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be Without Them*, tackles the firmament with equal accessibility. "The book is for everybody," he promises. "There are no equations, no jargon. There are footnotes and a bibliography if you're really interested, but all that hardcore stuff is at the back of the book and you can safely ignore it."

When I ask Trotta to describe what the book's about in one sentence, he succeeds with aplomb: "It tries to tease out the role that stars have played in the history of humankind, how they've guided our footsteps – not just in the obvious fields like science and navigation, but also in





unsuspected ways such as time-keeping, religion, spirituality." I ask for examples, and he suggests that it was watching the phases of the lunar cycle – in order to extend hunting hours through use of the full moon - that gave humans their first calendars. (A 43,000-year-old bone was discovered in Southern Africa with 29 notches on it.) Working out how many days elapsed between full moons may have given us our first sense of mathematics, too, and the alignment of lunar and menstrual cycles means that women may have been our first astronomers and mathematicians.

ROTTA RECKONS IT may also be the stars that made us human. "The big mystery is why we [homo sapiens] are here, and our rival Neanderthals are only found in museums or at the bottom of caves. I put forward evidence that it was the stars that provided our ancestors with the capability of navigating and finding times and places to gather and exchange ideas and technology, and that determined our survival."

The stars can also teach us about the future, he says. "There are 150 billion planetary systems in our galaxy alone. So the chance of life somewhere else is very, very high." (This is no crank, remember: Trotta is both professor of theoretical physics at Trieste's International School for Advanced Studies and visiting professor of astrostatistics at Imperial College London.) "The question is: can we find them? And I think that within our lifetimes, we will get positive confirmation of life elsewhere. That, hopefully, will be a seismic but positive shock to our system. The cosmic perspective that the stars can give us must be part of the inspiration we need to do something about our fragile planet."

Meanwhile, there is awe and wonder above our heads every evening, if we only bother to look up at it. The professor's beautiful book is as alive to the wonder of the night sky as it is to the science – and as alert to its precariousness. "Light pollution is increasing by six per cent per year," he warns, but it's not just that. "By 2030, we expect to have more visible satellites than stars. It won't matter whether you're in the desert or on the ocean, you'll see more moving dots than stars, and our experience of the night sky will be completely destroyed for ever."

Grab your gloves and hat, Trotta urges, and get out there for a good look tonight. **ED GRENBY** 

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To order Starborn: How the Stars Made Us and Who We Would Be Without Them by Roberto Trotta (Basic Books, £22) for £19.50 inc p&p, call or visit 03302 232 639' or visit radiotimes.com/shop51



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to presenting live sport and taking part in *Strictly Come Dancing*, Helen Skelton is not one to back down from a challenge. *In My Stride* (Headline, £22) represents another trip into the unknown for the broadcaster – fittingly so, as it is her story of finding solace, inspiration and strength through the power of the natural world.



#### THE WINTER KING

BERNARD CORNWELL
The Winter King Episodes 1–5
available from Thursday ITVX
The legend of Arthur, dating
back to the Dark Ages, is still

compelling to so many in part because of how little is known from that time, and provides the perfect jumping-off point for any author interested in historical fiction. Bernard Cornwell is one such person, and his *Warlord Chronicles*, starting with *The Winter King* (Penguin, £10.99), weave fact and fiction into an epic tale of love, war, treason and truces, turning the mythical into an entirely believable story across 500 pages. See feature: page 22



## PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF RICK RIORDAN Percy Jackson and the Olympians Episodes 1 & 2

available from Wednesday **Disney+**Updated Greek myths, a young hero's quest and plenty of action and adventure...
It's no wonder that Rick Riordan's series about a young son of Poseidon consistently hit the bestseller lists. The ensuing movie adaptation was not as universally loved, but Disney+ is now trying its hand with a big-budget new series. Following the adventures of young Percy as he comes into his heritage – that of a mythical Greek god – and fights to save the world (at least once per book), The Lightning Thief is fun for both children and adults alike. **RHIANNON THOMAS** 

## Travel

#### Vigil

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 9.00pm BBC1

NDIANA JONES, OUTLANDER, The Batman, Succession and The Princess Switch – no one could accuse Glasgow of being typecast when it comes to the roles it's played in recent films and TV shows.

But this month the city is extending its range even further. Those who enjoyed the grand Regency façades and elegant period interiors of *The Buccaneers* (the final episode of which is now on Apple+) may be surprised to learn that much of it was shot in Glasgow. And eyebrows will climb even higher with the realisation that the same city has hosted much of the filming for the second series of BBC1's hit drama *Vigil*, which concludes this week.

Such diversity suits the city – Britain's third largest by population – given its history as one of the key gateways and busiest ports of the empire.

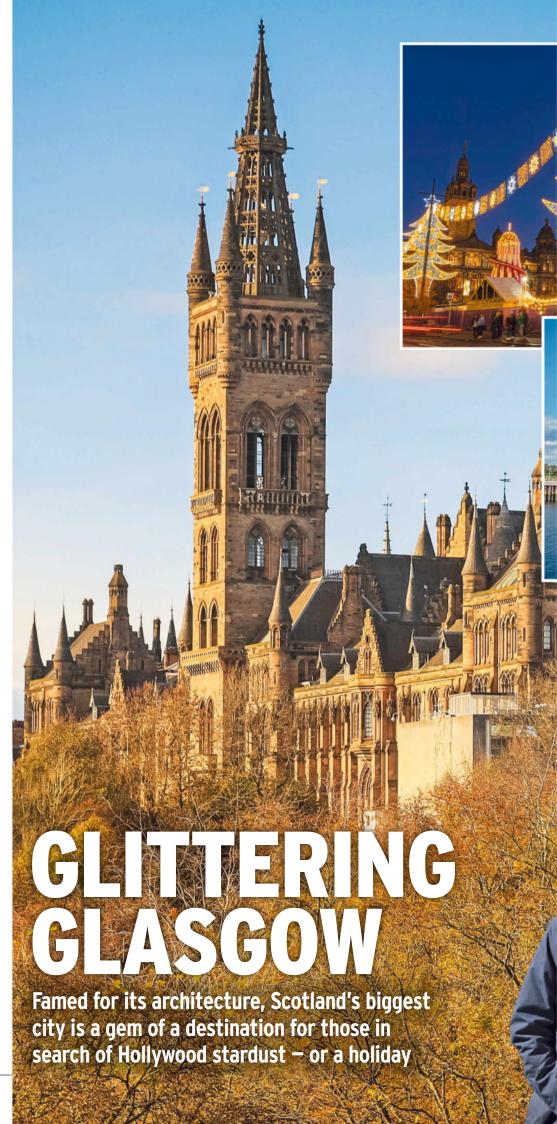
## 'Glasgow is a terrific place for a mini-break'

It makes Glasgow a terrific place for a minibreak, too. Never mind its virtues as a jumping-off point for the Highlands and Islands (or, indeed, the beautiful Trossachs, right on its doorstep); Glasgow gets more exciting every year – and not just for location scouts.

Get off the train (avantiwestcoast.co.uk) at Glasgow Central, and you're right in the middle of things. A block to your east is Buchanan Street, bustling with big-name stores and high-energy buskers; a block to your south is the Clyde, where you can stroll through the city's history along the lovely riverside walkway, from ancient Glasgow Green, past the huge industrialera Finnieston Crane, to the sleekly modern Science Centre (glasgowsciencecentre.org).

BLOCK NORTH IS the elegant Victorian grid of streets that was the heart of Glasgow's civic life. Those proud, neoclassical façades are in particular demand from Hollywood, and often deputise for New York: this year's *The Flash*, starring Ben Affleck and Michael Keaton, shot on St Vincent Street, as did Harrison Ford's *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*, which hit cinemas in June.

For further superhero-worship, walk up to Glasgow Cathedral (glasgowcathedral.org). The Princess Switch: Switched Again was filmed here, and the imposing medieval behemoth also formed part of the backdrop for key scenes in 2022's The Batman, starring Robert Pattinson as the Caped Crusader. In fact it was the Necropolis, just behind the cathedral, that stole the show: its brooding Gothic tombs and mortuary







CULTURAI **EPICENTRE** Left: the imposing University of Glasgow was founded in 1451. Top: Christmas lights in George Square. Above: the **Riverside Museum** and the Tall Ship Glenlee. Below: **Suranne Jones** stars in Vigil, much of which was filmed in Glasgow



monuments, ranged up a hill with amazing views across the city, are unmissable in the film and on any weekend itinerary  $({\it glasgownecropolis.org}).$ 

The undisputed centre of Glasgow is George Square, the palatial 1880s City Chambers rising dramatically on its east side. The square (plus neighbouring Cochrane Street) has

> appeared in Brad Pitt's World War Z, Benedict Cumberbatch's Patrick Melrose, Succession and The Buccaneers.

But the city's other centre of gravity for visitors is its artsy West End, home to medium-sized but punchy gallery-museums, the Hunterian (gla.ac.uk/hunterian) and the Kelvingrove (glasgowlife.org.uk), as well as towering Glasgow University (seen in Chris Pine's Robert the Bruce

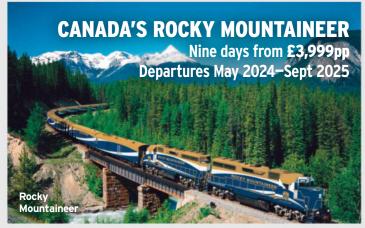
biopic Outlaw King), and a plethora of food and drink options. Byres Road is the main artery here - at the top end, opposite the Botanic Gardens, is Cail Bruich, one of Scotland's finest restaurants, where Michelin-starred chef Lorna McNee serves up a seven-course tasting menu that majors on Scots ingredients (cailbruich.co.uk).

The areas between the West End and city centre are alive with cool bars, boutiques and restaurants (look on the map for Finnieston and Woodlands), and for a stay that's poised between the big-city buzz in the middle of town and the bohemian brunch vibe out west, consider Malmaison Glasgow (malmaison.com; double rooms are from £70).

A former Greek Orthodox church, it's anything but pious now, and also handily situated for gorgeous Kelvingrove Park. Here, parts of Amazon Prime's historical epic Outlander were shot - though with seven seasons (and an eighth due in 2024), it's hard to find a part of Glasgow - or indeed Scotland - that hasn't featured in the show. There's a great audio-tour of locations from the series at **geotourist.com**.

The tourist board's slogan is "People Make Glasgow", with good reason - while the city's movie-idol looks are obvious, it's the charisma of the "cast" that shines through. Talk to any of the friendly citizens and you'll find they're not merely extras, but the stars of the show. Ready for your close-up? ED GRENBY

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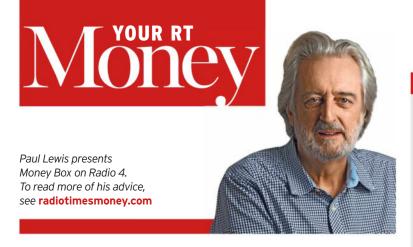
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## TAXES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

The Chancellor has cut NI contributions – and there could be more to come, says **Paul Lewis** 

ROM NEXT MONTH anyone in work, who is under state pension age, will see a cut in their National Insurance contributions. From 6 January the rate for employees will fall from 12% of their pay above £242 a week to 10%. The cut of two percentage points, which was announced in Jeremy Hunt's Autumn Statement last month, was double the reduction expected and it means a saving of more than

# 'The cut in NI means a saving of more than £10.50 a month'

£10.50 a month for someone working full-time on the minimum wage, and over £37 a month for someone on average pay – now around £35,000 a year.

There is no change in the 2% rate of contributions on earnings over £50,270 a year.

A smaller and later cut will be made to the Class 4 National Insurance contributions paid by self-employed people. Their rate will fall from 9% of profits above £12,570 a year to 8%, and that will apply from the start of the tax year in April 2024. These contributions are not

paid by self-employed people over state pension age, but the exemption only begins in the tax year after they reach 66. So anyone who was born after 5 April 1958 will still pay them for all of 2024/25 and benefit from the cut.

Another change for self-employed people will be the end of Class 2 National Insurance contributions. These are £3.45 a week and have to be paid by people under the age of 66 with profits above £12,570 a year – but are being scrapped from April. Currently, Class 2 contributions are the ones that count for self-employed people towards getting a state pension. The Government will explain later in the year how entitlement to a state pension will be worked out once they have gone.

The changes narrow the gap between the National Insurance paid by employees and that paid by the self-employed – and could be the first step towards making them fully equal in the future.

No other tax changes for individuals were announced in the statement, but the Chancellor will set out more plans in the Spring Budget, so keep your eye out then for changes that may affect you.

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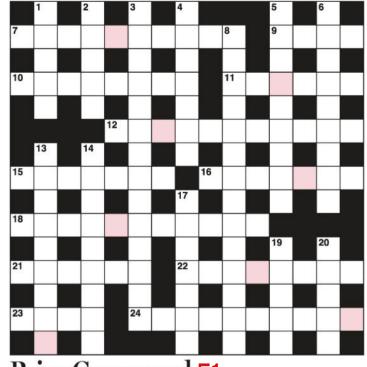
#### PRIZE CROSSWORD

#### **ACROSS**

- 7 Instrument recital unfinished by
- q Op art, the regular curse (4)
- 10 Big glass vessel (8)
- Cobblers to return in musical (3,3) 11
- Corrupt officers with Spooner's dancers from Margate? (4,7)
- Father starts unblocking community shortage (7)
- Sitting on a long step (7)
- 18 Wretched chapter, I'm so moody (11)
- Centres charged for clue in disarray (6)
- 22 Sailors join narrow part of jumper (4,4)
- 23 So, the house's under surveillance at first (4)
- 24 No, Leonardo is about to work in Exmoor? (5,5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Potter in low church (5)
- Rush to vehicle without hesitation (5)
- Country shop, it'll exchange female TV gardener (7,7)
- Pitch variation needing six changes to bar (7)
- 5 Cartoon show to hot up, maybe, in isle (5.4)
- Looks hard, say, when holding Stewart for flight security? (5,4)
- 8 Real hardship, so compose poem (1.10.3)
- French map that's a pain in ornate frame (9)
- 14 Spot camel making medium emission (9)
- Having emptied symbol for this element (7)
- Came back home? Out of order for expensive bar (5)
- **20** Very little tin kept by saint (5)



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#### **EASY CROSSWORD**

ACROSS (answers page 149)

- Clearly visible (2,4,4)
- Laundry appliance (4)
- 10 Canada's second-largest city (8)
- 11 Increase (in sales or profits) (6)
- 12 Presenter of the quiz show Impossible from 2017-21 (4,7)
- **15** Local government district (7)
- **16** Quiet airborne pastime (7)
- 18 Car's mph gauge (11)
- 21 Dog widely used as a sheepdog (6)
- 22 Small group of ships (8)
- 23 Organise in advance (4)
- 24 Silly goings-on (10)

- Really like (doing) (5)
- Corroded by moisture (5) 2
- 3 Very short amount of time (8.6)
- 4 Have an aversion to (7)
- 5 Three-ball table game (9)
- 6 Self-assured, bold (9)
- Rob Brydon panel show (5,1,3,2,3)
- 13 Small curly-haired dog (3,6)
- **14** Alpine singing (9)
- **17** Fragrance in a bottle (7)
- **19** Wedding day walkway (5)
- 20 Sudden panic (5)

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#### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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the Bird and the Sausage (0), and Rose-Red (7), The Mouse, Riding Hood (55), Snow-White Hansel and Gretel (43), Little Red **POINTLESS** 

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#### Newmarket Harman Ascot Leach **Aintree** Jingle Goodwood Church Scanlon **Kipper** Sleigh Brazier Bow Ripon Bolo Alarm

#### **COUNTDOWN** with Rachel Riley



Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, try to get as close to the target as possible in 30 seconds. You can use each of the six numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all. Rachel's solution is on the previous page.

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#### **TRACKWORD**

How many words of three letters or more can you find by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter square twice in any word. What is the nine-letter word?

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Can you crack the Enigma code? Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. The solution is on the previous page.

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fewest of those 100 people knew. **How to play** Here are the English titles of five fairy tales by the brothers Grimm. Can you fill in the blanks and give us the most obscure answer?

#### **GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES**

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### **EGGHEADS** with Jeremy Vine

#### **KEVIN ASHMAN**

1 The Royal Mail's first public letter boxes were erected in Britain during the reign of which monarch? a Victoria b George V c Elizabeth II

2 Quality Street is an early 20th century play by which writer? a JB Priestley b Oscar Wilde c JM Barrie

#### **OLAV BJORTOMT**

3 In 1997, which musical became, for a time, the longest-running Broadway show in history?

a The Phantom of the Opera b Cats c Starlight Express

4 In 1717, which pirate captured the French privateers' ship La Concorde, renaming it Queen Anne's Revenge?

a Blackbeard b Henry Morgan

c William Kidd

#### **PAT GIBSON**

5 Turkish side Bursaspor's stadium is shaped like a giant green what? a Mango b Crocodile c Python

6 Based on a hit manga series, what TV series has central characters including Monkey D Luffy and Zoro? a Akira b Attack on Titan c One Piece

#### **BARRY SIMMONS**

7 A member of which band tweeted "I forbid vou to like it" after David Cameron had chosen one of their songs on Desert Island Discs?

a The Smiths b The Clash c The Sex Pistols

8 Who was both the 22nd and the 24th president of the USA? a Woodrow Wilson b Grover Cleveland c Teddy Roosevelt

#### **BETH WEBSTER**

9 What is the official language of Botswana?

a French b English c Spanish

10 Which stretch of water divides **Cumbria in England from Dumfries** and Galloway in Scotland?

a Solway Firth b Firth of Clyde c Dornoch Firth

#### **DICTIONARY CORNER** Susie Dent



Phrase of the week High days and holidays

of the Christian church there were once two sorts of special day: a high day and a holiday. A

holiday is a shortening of "holy day", and first described a date set apart for religious observance. A high day was an even more important day of great celebration and solemnity,

In the calendar commemorating a sacred person or event. Together these give us the term "high days and holidays", for special occasions collectively. A red-letter day, meanwhile, denoted a saint's day or other Christian festival that would be highlighted in red in the calendar.

One word that many of us won't be looking forward to this Christmas is "holibobs", a cutesy, relatively new slang term for holidays that was recently voted the most-hated buzzword by British office workers.

### **POPMASTER**

with Ken Bruce

#### 1960s

1 What was the title of the first top ten hit by Bob Dylan?

2 Like I Do was the only top ten

hit single achieved by which singer?

#### 1970s

3 Which group had their first hit in 1972 with Son of My Father and their last the following year with Good Grief Christina?

4 What was the title of Leo Sayer's only number one hit during the 70s?

5 Which member of Japan played bass and saxophone on Gary Numan's 1981 top ten hit, She's Got Claws?

6 Which 1961 hit by Ben E King topped the charts when re-issued in 1987?

7 Which of these three hits by M People gained the highest chart position: was it Sight for Sore Eyes, Renaissance or Search for the Hero?

8 S Club 7's debut hit and number one was Bring It All Back, the theme to which TV series in which the group starred?

#### 2000s-present day

9 McFly topped the charts in 2007 with their double 'A' sided hit, Baby's Coming Back and which other song?

10 What was the name of the Miley Cyrus album that entered the charts at number one in 2023?

#### QUESTIONS BY PHIL "THE COLLECTOR" SWERN

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#### TO THE TUNE OF £2,000

Who will gain when DAB is replaced by DAB+? The millions who tune into Classic FM will have to change - or lose their DAB reception. It seems a cynical ploy to "persuade" us to ditch perfectly good radios, and for what? A plethora of obscure stations and so-called improved sound quality.

I've calculated that to replace what I have - including my car radio/sat nav unit - would cost me around £2,000. My solution? Retune wherever possible to FM - slightly retrograde perhaps, but affordable!

#### **Kevin Street**

Stourbridge, West Midlands A spokesperson for Classic FM responds: "To provide enhanced sound quality, we are upgrading our signal to DAB+ on 2 January 2024, when the current DAB signal  $will\ be\ switched\ off.\ If\ readers\ listen$ on an older DAB radio, they will need to check it is DAB+ ready, or that it has FM, before the end of the year. For how to check your DAB  $radio, please\ visit\ Classic FM.com$ or call our team on 0333 200 2000 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5.30pm). Alongside DAB+, there are many other ways to enjoy Classic FM - on any FM radio, TV, Global Player or smart speaker."

#### **ACCORDING TO CICERO**

I enjoyed the first part of Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator (27 November BBC2), but was distracted by the section about the Catiline conspiracy. This was dealt with at some length, but omitted any mention of Cicero, who was not only consul at the time, but also made four speeches against Catiline, which are still considered now, two millennia later, as among the most effective legal speeches ever made. Mike Ruddock

Banbury, Oxfordshire

#### **WHO AT 60**

Congratulations to Russell T Davies and everyone involved with the first of the three Doctor Who specials celebrating its 60th anniversary. In The Star Beast (25 November BBC1)



#### LETTER OF THE WEEK

## Nowt like Yorkshire

What the 'eck? What on earth were the producers of The Couple Next Door (27/28 November C4) thinking? They gave us scenes that appeared to have the climate and architecture of Australia and asked us to believe it's Yorkshire. As a bona fide Yorkshire lass, I can assure you that, sadly, we just don't have the climate to be prancing around in our negligees in the street or the garden of an evening!

Yorkshire folk are known for their integrity - but where was the authenticity in the setting of this drama? Have the makers ever been to Yorkshire?

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it was a joy to see David Tennant and Catherine Tate back together and I loved the reveal of the new Tardis interior. The Meep was an amusing enemy, and I also liked the introduction of Unit's scientific advisor Shirley Bingham, played by Ruth Madeley. I hope we get to see her again.

> Peter Thomas London N7 Ruth Madeley reappears as Shirley in the third special, The Giggle, on Saturday 9 December.

> > ...I was really excited by the BBC's announcement that

new episodes would be available in Ultra HD. So it was with disappointment that we watched The Star Beast in old-fashioned 1080i, only to be infuriated when just over an hour later the UHD version shuffled onto iPlayer. If the BBC can make dual availability work smoothly with other shows, why would they disadvantage viewers of Doctor Who?

NOT MY LEEDS

The Couple Next Door,
starring Jessica De Gouw
and Sam Heughan, was
ctually filmed in Belgium,

the Netherlands and the UK

#### **Arnold Smith-Newell**

Great Baddow, Essex RT understands that when the BBC makes programmes available to stream live in UHD, they do it by uploading an on-demand UHD version to  $iP layer shortly\ before\ broadcast.$ With Doctor Who - unlike, say,  $the\ coronation$  –  $there\ is\ a\ risk$ of people skipping ahead and spoiling the end for others, so they upload the UHD version shortly after live broadcast.

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**GREAT ORATOR** Was Cicero written out of history on BBC2?

#### STAND UP STRAIGHT!

It was BBC education editor Branwen Jeffreys who started this irritating habit of talking to camera while leaning on a wall. I wondered if she had problems with her knees. Now others also seem to feel the need to lean against a wall while delivering their report. To me, it looks unprofessional and unnecessary. You don't see Chris Mason doing it. Stand up straight! Alison Peach

Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire

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**WILD ABOUT BONNIN** 

Despite being a passionate nature-lover deeply concerned about climate change, I rarely watch wildlife shows. I find them too traumatic: too many animals attacking each

other or struggling - often failing - to survive. So what a joy it was to watch Liz Bonnin's Wild Caribbean (BBC2).

**A NATURAL** 

Wildlife expert

Liz Bonnin

She is naturally engaging, and to see birds, reptiles, mammals and insects returning to denuded farmland, once the farmers started working with nature rather than against it, showed us all that change for the better is possible. Jill Hudson Holmrook, Cumbria

#### THE PROFESSOR OF POP I was sad Paul Gambaccini left

Pick of the Pops (Radio 2) but his new show, The Paul Gambaccini Collection

(Sunday), may be the very best thing on radio! His selection of music, anecdotes and nuggets about the tracks are second to none. John Seal Oldham,

Greater Manchester

#### WE'LL LET YOU KNOW

RETURNING

Ruth Madeley in

**Doctor Who** 

While we've had numerous series about the work of doctors, the police and so on, the experiences of actors is largely unknown to us. It would be fascinating to find out what happens at drama schools and auditions, and the role of agents, casting directors and Equity. And how many actors leave the profession due to not being offered work? I'd like to see that documentary.

Norma Postin Rugby, Warwickshire Norma Postin wins My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 - the finale to the popular series.



#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Feedback will return in the 6 January 2024 edition of RT (on sale 29 December). Don't forget to write with your views on the best (and worst) of the festive TV and radio. And thank you for all your wise and witty contributions throughout

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## THE HAIRY **BIKERS**

Si King and Dave Myers on cancer, being back together and celebrating life

What's the view from your sofa? SI I have an open fire, a log basket and a slightly damp, smelly dog. There's a turntable and a drinks cabinet that's never too far away!

**DAVE** The TV and, past that, a window looking over the gardens, with a cedar tree and geese. My sitting room is very old school. I've got china cabinets -I collect a lot of porcelain. It's very tranquil and very yellow.

#### What do you enjoy watching on telly?

**SI** I love watching Newcastle United play football because they're brilliant. **DAVE** They weren't the other night... SI Well, no, they weren't last night but let's just gloss over that, shall we? **DAVE** As the cleverer one, I'm watching the Netflix French crime-drama Lupin. The lead actor, Omar Sy, is amazing.

#### If the two of you watch TV together, who controls the remote?

**SI** Dave... he always knows what's on. **DAVE** The last thing we watched together was the Netflix Mötley Crüe biopic, The Dirt. That was hilarious and really filthy. We had to get a bottle of bourbon out. We watched it twice. **SI** Just in case we could pick up

any tips... **DAVE** On the life we thought we

could have had... **SI** The life we *should* have had.

Growing up in working-class families in the north of England, did either of you ever imagine being on television?

SI Absolutely not! Are you mad? **DAVE** I believe I was born in the wrong womb - I always had ambitions above



You first met in 1992 on the set of a TV drama - Si, you were the second assistant director and Dave, you were head of make-up. Did it affect how you behaved when you became the stars? **DAVE** One thing that irritated me was when "talent" referred to people by their job titles. It's easy to learn someone's name if you're on the road for three months, don't just call them "Soundie"! **SI** And there's several who do. If you forget common decency, politeness and kindness because you're egocentric and off your chump with success, it's not on. **DAVE** I've been having cancer treatment and we've just finished filming a series - the crew made so many compromises to suit me; they'd give me a chair if I'd been standing. I was terribly grateful. Without them, I couldn't have done it.

Dave, in your Christmas special you cook for the NHS staff, family and friends who helped you through your treatment. What was that like to film? **DAVE** It was emotional, but there were no tears. We wanted it to be a celebration

that 18 months since my diagnosis I'm

still here, I've done a series with my best

## SCREEN



**SNACK AND DRINK OF** CHOICE

DAVE Beer, pizza. SI An Indian takeaway with a bottle of beer.



**MEMORY DAVE Gerry** Anderson's Fireball XL5. You could see the strings! SI Andy Pandy and Clangers - it was like an acid trip!

mate, we're back on the bikes, we've written a new book... We've had a bloody good time.

In that book, Ultimate Comfort Food, some recipes are inspired by the NHS. Did chemo affect your appetite?

**DAVE** The Irish coffee cake was a stretch to get down while having chemo, but it stayed there. So, it worked!

#### What are your Christmas plans?

SI I have a new grandson who I'm looking forward to seeing. I'm having a picky Christmas - a big ham, a goose... **DAVE** How many geese are you having? They're tiny, you'll have a tiny sliver... SI One! Shut up, it'll be fine... **DAVE** I'm traditional – turkey, kumquat sauce, bread sauce, roast tatties, mashed potato, pigs in blankets, all the veggies. My wife's Romanian, so we have two meals as they celebrate on Christmas Eve. All I insist on is crackers.

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